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Europe threat to London as transport hub

BR chairman attacks 'lack of vision'

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

Britain's prospect of be- tered Institute of Transport, continue to rely on fare in-coming the linchpin of said substantial investment in creases, property sales, and the European transport cross-London rail links, new cost-cutting for the major system will be lost ir. lines to Heathrow Airport, investment that is so vitally at the Victoria Ground & system will be lost irretrievably without massive additional investment in rail infrastructure, Sir Robert Reid, outgoing chairman of British Rail, said yesterday.

In a thinly-disguised attack on the Government's lack of vision, Sir Robert said the "pivotal role" of the European transport hub "would pass to France or Belgium, where ambitious plans to develop Paris and Brussels were

already well-advanced".

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Governments have unveiled plans to expand their inter-national airports in conjunction with road and rail detected on the orient within could relegate Britain to threatening centure in the position of an outpost of

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Sport under Ceausescu

of Romania's former first family was felt throughout the country. On page 36 we begin a three part series on how

sport suffered, with a look at the damage done to Steaua Bucharest, one of Europe's leading football clubs There were no

winners of yesterday's Portfolio Platinum prize, which accumulates to £4,000. Today's chance to win is on page 25

TOMORROW

As the number of exhibitions and sales devoted to watercolours, both old and modern, continues to grow, we examine

their enduring

investment potential

Death of Lord **Gardiner**

Chancellor from 1964 until 1970, has died at the age of 89.

He was one of the great eforming Lord Chancellors of the century and supported the abolition of capital punishment. He was mainly responsible for the setting up of the Law Commission

During a distinguished career as a barrister he acted for the defence in the Lady Chatterly's Lover trial. Obitmary, page 14

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Channel Tunnel would be transport policy has been deneeded "if London were not to be sidelined" by developments in Paris and Brussels. "Our French friends are working towards making Charles de Gaulle Airport the

hub of Europe, connected by

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high-speed trains in every direction", while the amalgamation of British Airways and Sabena (Belgium's nat-ional carrier) would create a second European hub in Brussels, Sir Robert said.

These threats could be countered "provided we expedite the British parliamentary Bill procedures, make an early start to the rail link from Paddington to Heathrow, make sure money is found for the cross-rail projects, and find a way of financing the rail link to the Channel Tunnel,"

Sir Robert also called on the Government to honour its commitment to use cost benefit analysis when vetting proposed rail investments, as it already does for road construction. This would allow some rail projects to be approved on the basis of noneconomic factors such as their contribution to environmen-

duced consession. He said BR stood to benefit enormously from the completion of the single European market and the Channel Tunnel, but "without this extra capacity congestion on the roads and the railways will begin to strangle us all, and make possible the French and

Sir Robert is also known to be worried about the viability of the so-called Channel Tunnel "through services" to Scotland and the regions, which are unlikely to materialize unless they can be made

sufficiently profitable. Mr John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, said Sir Robert's speech had left Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, "totally isolated". He demanded an immediate government response to Sir Robert's call for substantial additional invest-

"Sir Robert's experience has taught him that BR cannot

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The virus may be one which

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A team of senior virologists,

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gists is trying to find a common cause for the deaths,

which involved symptoms of

a pneumonia-like illness. The

babies, all aged under one

year, died within two weeks of

each other. Two died on

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December 31.

Mystery virus sought

by hospital scientists

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Medical experts investigating the six babies had undergone

the deaths of six babies in a surgery for congenital heart hospital's intensive care unit disorders at the hospital, one

"With the new chairman

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Mr Prescott said.

"Sir Bob's first-hand experi-

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Government must listen,

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new corporate plan published only three weeks ago," Mr Mrs Winnie Mandela showing her pleasure at the news of her husband's probable release.

Prisoner's wife hears the good news

Mandela says 'prepare for my release⁹

release after more than a Africa. quarter of a century in South African prisons.

A beaming Mrs Mandela left the Victor Verster Prison at Paarl, near Cape Town, where her husband now lives in a warder's bungalow, saying: "This is the real stuff now. I don't think we are talking about months any longer. It is the first time he has called us to discuss preliminary arrangements for his release."

Mr Dullah Omar, a family lawyer, confirmed that arrangements for Mandela's freedom were discussed "in view of the general expecta-tion that he will be released sooner rather than later".

Mandela, now 71, was sen-1964 for sabotage and plotting revolution to overthrow the Government. He was moved to his present quarters after contracting tuberculosis in the earlier years of his imprisonment on Robben Island in Table Bay and later in Pollsmoor Jail in suburban Cape Town.

His release - and that of all other political prisoners - is one of the basic conditions set by black leaders for beginning negotiations with the Government on political reform.

Yesterday President de Klerk was carefully studying a

Nelson Mandela, the jailed statement issued by the ANC African National Congress in Harare, the capital of leader, told his wife, Winnie, Zimbabwe, to mark its 78th yesterday to begin making anniversary. The organization arrangements for his early remains outlawed in South

Although the ANC state-ment said it would continue "the armed struggle" and added that the De Klerk Government still had a long way to go, it declared: "For our part, we are committed to seizing any real opportunity that might emerge genuinely to seek a political agreement for a speedy end to the apartheid system."

It has been evident for a considerable time that, in Pretoria's view, it is no longer a question of if Mandela is to be released but when. Considerations of security remain uppermost in the Government's mind.

Last September, in one of tenced to life imprisonment in his first acts as President, Mr de Klerk freed Mr Walter Sisulu and six other veteran ANC leaders who were imprisoned with Mandela. Their activities, which have been studiously diplomatic, have been closely monitored by the Government in order to gauge the moment to set Mandela free.

Significantly, Mr Sisulu and the others have now been granted passports by the South African authorities to enable them to attend an ANC conference in Lusaka, Zambia, later this month.

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Setback in ambulance dispute

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Opposition walk

out on Modrow

East Germany's opposition organizer

The Government faced intense pressure last night to resolve the ambulance dispute.

after Mr Poole appeared to salary review body of the kind added: "I have said no way is which determines the pay of there any more money."

Mr Nichol in a letter to Mr Hopes of an early settlement appeared to suffer a setback when Mr Duncan Nichol. chief executive of the National Health Service, rejected a plea from Mr Roger Poole, the main union negotiator, for immediate talks "in a spirit of

flexibility and good will". The refusal to hold fresh talks came as an NOP poll

showed four out of five people, including two out of three Conservative supporters, sup-

Mr Nichol's rejection came

pute by offering to abandon a claim for an indexed-linked pay formula and stating his members would be prepared

Anatomy of dispute. Labour lifeline. Leading article.

to settle for less than the 11.4 per cent they were demanding. Mr Poole gave a strong indication that peace could be achieved in return for more money to placate his members and the establishment of a

Mr Nichol, in a reply to Mr

Poole, said he would be willing to hold talks. "But that would only be on the basis that you were not going simply to reiterate the demands you have pressed throughout this long and damaging dispute."

Earlier, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, further dashed union hopes by stating unequivocally that no more new money would be offered to crews. He insisted that Mr Poole had to come up with "something new" and

Mr Nichol, in a let Poole, made clear that the unions would not succeed in offer over 18 months turned into a deal which covered only a year. Nor would they achieve a formula "or any other arrangement" that would automatically trigger future pay increases.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher faced a demonstration by ambulance officers and students during an official visit to the University of Warwick. Coventry, yesterday.

Sinn Fein man held

By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

A leading Sinn Fein official and another senior republican were among nine people arrested in West Belfast yesterday in connection with an alleged kidnapping.

Authoritative security forces said the arrests followed the rescue by police on Sunday of a man in his 30s from Co Londonderry, who had been missing for 48 hours.

Those arrested included two women. They were being held last night at the RUC interrogation centre at Castle-

US prime rate cut boosts £

Big American banks yesterday cut their prime lending rate from 10.5 to 10 per cent. The news boosted the

pound as investors switched from the American currency. First National Bank of Chicago was the first to cut its rate, quickly followed by Citicorp, the largest US banking company.

Among those to follow suit were Manufacturers Hanover, Bank of America, Texas Nat-ional Bank and Pittsburgh National Bank

The dollar was already moving down when the cuts in prime rates were announced and after the news the US currency weakened further. By the close of trading in London the dollar had fallen by 0.75 pfennigs to DM1.6695.

Sterling rose by 1.50 cents to \$1.6530 and by 0.89 pfennigs Full report, page 21 | wished to be viewed as the

Herr Modrow's Government. And at least 150,000 people marched through the streets of

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German reunification and sharply criticizing the com-

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after a bitter row over the had called on Herr Modrow to dissolution of the state secappear yesterday to explain the situation. When it emerged that he was on his The talks have now been postponed until next Monday when, the opposition demand-A major, branded a "terroring, Herr Hans Modrow, the Prime Minister, should supply

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Photograph.

way to Bulgaria, the opposition said there was no point in continuing the session, which was dissolved with the backing of the minor parties. A vote of no confidence was

recorded against Herr Peter Koch, the official charged with dissolving the Office of Nat-Continued on page 20, cel 1

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To acquaint all readers of The Times with this easy-to-

Thomas, the archetypal film cad, dies aged 78 the property was handed to the couple's By David Sapsted two sons, Tiger and Cushan, as the



Terry-Thomas, the gap-toothed cad of dozens of postwar films, died at a Surrey nursing home yesterday after a long battle against Parkinson's disease.

A nurse at the Bushridge Hall Nursing Home, Godalming, found Thomas, aged 78, dead in his bed. He had been suffering from pneumonia. The Parkinson's Disease Society said he had suffered chest complications.

The London-born comedian had moved to the nursing home last year after he and his wife Belinda were discovered living in a sparsely furnished. church charity flat. Michael Caine, the actor, organized a gala concert at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, last April at which many leading entertainers raised £75,000 for his care. Mrs Thomas, aged since Christmas as she was admitted recently to hospital over a breakdown which friends attributed to the strain of looking after him. Thomas was diagnosed as having

Parkinson's disease 13 years ago. Two years later, he made the last of a string of Obituary.

films that had included Lucky Jim, Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines, I'm All Right Jack, It's a Mad, Mad, Mad World and School for

Immediately after his premature retirement, he lived in a villa on Ibiza, in the Balcarics, where he had built up land and property holdings. Management of

Two years ago, they were found living in the charity flat in south-west London. furnished by the actors' benevolent fund. Thomas was unable to attend last year's concert. In one of his last interviews, almost five years ago, he said: "Life is nothing for me now that I can't live as I like. Some days I can't

couple tried to come to terms with

spending more than £40,000 a year in

nursing and medical bills. In 1984, they

were forced to return to to London.

walk at all. At other times, I can't speak. The perpetual shaking robs you of your Derek Nimmo said: "He was a lively, bubbly character. He was great fun to be

with and a generous man to the end."

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Cardiff favourite

for new BA base

British Airways is to spend more than £60 million in

brinsh Airways is to spend more than zon himson at building a new engineering base to maintain its growing number of aircraft (Harvey Elliott writes). Facilities are needed as establishments at Heathrow and Gatwick airports have almost reached capacity in the handling of BA aircraft plus aircraft sent for "service" by other airlines. Cardiff has emerged as the favourite for the new base, which could reported? 500 ichs and he in operation by 1993.

provide 1,500 jobs and be in operation by 1993.

There is a world shortage of engineering facilities, and it has been calculated that between now and the end of the century there will be an 80 per cent increase in demand for

The new base, which could be built in Cardiff, Liverpool

or the Far East, would not involve a reduction in work at

Heathrow or Gatwick, which will be expanded to their limits within the next few years. Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive

of British Airways, said in Cardiff last night that a decision

on whether to go ahead with the creation of the new base at Cardiff airport would be taken this summer.

A futures dealer accused of fraud was remanded in custody

for a week yesterday. Mr Stephen Paul Francis, aged 27, of Westmoreland Terrace, Pimlico, central London, faces four

charges laid under the Forgery and Counterfeit Act of 1981.
Few details of the charges have been disclosed, although
Mr Francis's defence lawyer confirmed outside court that
the alleged fraud involved "at least £5 million". The four

charges, all relating to a single document, were not read to Guildhall Magistrates' Court in the City of London and Mr

No action on diplomat

A senior diplomat arrested five months ago under the Prevention of Terrorism Act will not be charged, it was confirmed yesterday (Quentin Cowdry writes). Mr Andrew Balfour, aged 39, a former vice-consul at the British Embassy in Duhai, was questioned about possible involvement in an alleged visa racket. The Crown Prosecution Service, however, has decided there is insufficient evidence against Mr Balfour, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Britain is expected to win a huge defence export contract with the purchase by South Korea of about 100 Hawk jet

fighters (Michael Evans writes). No deal has been completed, but the Seoul Government is expected to sign an

initial order for about 20 two-seat Hawk jet trainers, which are built by British Aerospace at Brough on Humberside, Warton and Samlesbury, near Preston, and Dunsfold in Surrey. Seoul is known to want 100 Hawks in all.

A 48-year-old man was last night charged with the murder of Ruth Stevens, the missing Wiltshire shop assistant. He is expected to appear before magistrates today in Warminster accused of killing Miss Stevens, of Westbury, who disappeared on December 12. Police have not yet found her body. Her Vauxhall Viva car was found in London more

Flu adds to death toll

More than 100 people a day died of influenza in the week

before Christmas (Thomson Prentice writes). The Office of

Population Censuses and Surveys said yesterday that deaths from all causes in the week ending December 22 totalled

19,180, including 782 directly attributable to fin. The weekly average of deaths from all causes in mid-December is

about 12,000, suggesting that the epidemic was an underlying cause of many of the extra 7,000 deaths.

Exclusion order sought

Labourer set free

then rearrested

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An Irish labourer against whom no evidence was offered

explosives was rearrested yes-

terday before he could leave

Police then applied to Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, for an exclusion order which would ban Mr

Daniel McBrearty from ret-

urning to the UK for at least

Mr Martin Hesley, for the Crown Prosecution Service,

told the court that swab tests

taken from the hands of Mr

McBrearty, who was arrested on October 5, showed traces of

the explosive RDX, which was

Mr Heslop said the swab tests were the only evidence against Mr McBrearty, of East Ham, east London. It was possible the traces of explosive had been transferred

to Mr McBrearty's hands by chance contact with someone else at work or where he lived.

Mrs Gareth Pierce, Mr McBrearty's solicitor, asked

when the scientist who exam-ined Mr McBrearty on Octo-ber 5 had first been asked

whether the traces on his band

might have arisen from inno-

cent contact with someone

else. Mr McBrearty should have had the opportunity to question the evidence "three

onths and three days ago".

On hearing that he was to be

discharged. Mr McBrearty turned to his cheering wife and friends, waved his fists in the

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He was immediately re-arrested on leaving the dock,

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'£5m fraud' charges

Phoney war that became a bitter battle

Employment Affairs

When leaders of the five unions involved in the ambulance dispute gathered in the vestry of a Blackpool church in the first week of September to announce a ban on overtime and rest-day working, few imagined that the confrontation between crews and managers would become so bitter and emotional.

Since then, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, has be-come embroiled in a Conservative minister's nightmane a dispute in which a big proportion of the public appears to side with the unions.

The September meeting marked the first time most had heard of Mr Roger Poole, the chief union negotistor, who has since become an instantly recognizable public figure. His members had rejected a 6.5 per cent pay offer last May, but it was in September that he aumounced that they wanted their pay to be determined by the index-linked formula enjoyed by the memor — "so there will never seein he action memory." never again be action over pay".

This has since become a fun-amental issue, preventing agree-

trained fire officer earns £13,125, while an ambulance officer earns £10,093. To achieve parity, the union leaders insisted in September that their members were also part of the emergency services, and de-manded a rise of 11.4 per cent.

Mr Clarke has consistently said this will not be conceded. The dispute began with a four-to-one vote for industrial action in a workplace ballot. However, its effect was minimal until, on September 19, the stakes were raised by officers and control assistants starting an over-time ban in sympathy with crews.

The phoney war quickly became earnest and intensified further on September 22 when joint talks broke down after Mr Duncan Nichol, chief executive of the National Health Service, said he could not accede to union demands for the dispute to go to independent binding arbitration.

Eight days later, London was the focus of an increasingly acrimonious stalemate as crews in the capital refused to work normally and the police were drafted in to deal with emergency calls.Amid claims by each side that the other was making

ing session was held at the offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service on October 26. However, the gulf was too wide to be bridged by stale pre-dawn

The failure of those talks effectively spread the dispute from London to large areas of Scotland and the English provinces, notably the Midlands, although apparently other areas of Britain were virtually unaffected. The dispute took on a new political and emotional momentum when on November 8 the

Offer of 6.5 per cent is an insult to hardworking and dedicated people 9

Army was brought in to run emergency services in London. On November 17, Mr Nichol an-nounced a "substantial new offer", saying that £5 million would be brought forward from this year's funds to allow an offer worth 11.5 per cent over 18 months.

The rate for qualified men and women, he said, would go up to £11,001 outside London and to £12,384 for crews in the capital. He

also offered additional payments for specially-trained paramedical staff, who he said would thus receive rises of up to 16.3 per cent. The offer was immediately rejected by the union, which argued that it amounted to little more than the original officer of 6.5 per cent over 12 months.

Towards the end of November, in an announcement that may have considerable bearing on the way the ambulance service is run, Mr Clarke warned that continuation of the dispute might lead to non-emer-gency work being contracted out. On December 8, Mr Clarke

announced that the moderate Asso-ciation of Professional Ambulance Personnel would be recognized as a negotiating body in a move intended apparently to undermine the position of the crews. However, it backfired when members of the association began resigning and decided the offer was also unacceptable. At Christmas, Mr Clarke infuria-

ted ambulance crews and politicians, including some Tory backbenchers, when he wrote to a Nottingham girl, aged 15, saying that the vast majority of crews were professional drivers, and that this

Christmas truce was rejected.
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health authority chairmen, saying it would be "unfair" if the officers were to win a bigger pay rise than others "by taking crude industrial action". He said: "We cannot reintroduce the notion into the service by conceding a formula or pay mechanism for ambulance staff that links them to firefighters, the nism for ambulance staff upper quartile of manual workers'

pay or any other device. "It would be a disaster for the NHS if every year the Whitley Council (the industry's bargaining body) opened with a benchma award to ambulance staff based on some generous formula of the kind that the police have."

Last Friday, Mr Nichol wrote to Mr Clarke accusing him of ignoring the offer to review the 1986 salary structure "without pre-conditions Mr Poole has not flinched in his determination to win a better agreement. "The offer of 6.5 per cent is an insult to a hardworking and dedicated hand of people. They deserve better. The country believes they deserve better so why can't the Gover-

check evidence on pub bombers

By Richard Ford and Stewart Tendler

New submissions on behalf of some time to examine them the six men convicted for the and decide if there is a new Birmingham public house case to go to the Court of bombings will get speedy Appeal but no one yesterday consideration. Mr David could say how long his delib-Waddington said at his first erations will take. meeting as Home Secretary with Mr Gerry Colling, the Irish foreign minister in London yesterday.

Submissions on behalf of the Birmingham six were sent to the Home Office in Decem- for the last appeal hearing. ber by Miss Gareth Peirce, one of the desence solicitors. The siz — Patrick Hill, Hugh Callaghan, John Walker, Dick McIlkenny, Gerry Hunter and Billy Power - have always protested their innocence in the bombings, claiming they confessed after they were

It is almost two years since the Court of Appeal threw out the second appeal by the six against their conviction for the 1974 bombings.

That appeal included challenges to forensic evidence against two of the six; evidence from two former police officers and a former police station cleaner which backed the men's claims that confesen out of them, and police documents raising doubts about confessions.

said by the Home Office to be iour and that it might open the substantial and detailed. It way to their being moved to will take Mr Waddington an open prison.

The Home Office said there was no question of calling on police at the moment to follow up points in the submissions. Devon and Cornwall officers ated a number of areas

Yesterday the Irish minister and officials were given no details of the new evidence sent to the Home Secretary but it is understood that it is essentially "not very startling" and concerns discrepancies in the timing given by police when certain forensic tests were made after the men's detention. The evidence had not previously been presented

Irish sources believe that not too much significance should be made of the security reclassification last year of the Birmingham six from category A to category B.

Although some in the Irish Republic believe this was a preparatory move towards their release, there is a feeling that the change in category was recognition that the prisoners had been of good behav-

Waddington to Baby care unit emergency after deaths



Nurses caring yesterday for a premature girl who was moved from the paediatric intensive care unit to another ward at the Brompton Hospital, Fulham, west London, after six babies sharing the unit died. Doctors said their deaths were caused by an unidentified virus, which could affect the heart or lungs. The unit and three operating theatres were closed.

Ridley launches strong defence of Thatcher Labour plans to halt

By Our Political Correspondent

order.

A Dublin court yesterday ordered the extradition of Desmand Ellis, aged 37, a TV engineer, of Dussink Road, Finglas, to stand trial for terrorist bombings in Britain. Mrs Margaret Thatcher has Police have warrants alleging that he had explosives in his possession and conspired with three others to cause

explosions in the United King-dom between January 1, 1981 and October 27, 1983. District Justice Mary Kot-sonouris ordered that he be handed over to the Metropoli-tan Police at Baldonnel military airport, outside Dublin, and be taken to London. After the hearing at the Dublin District Court, Ellis's lawyers said he would appeal.

He was arrested in April on the British warrants when freed from Portlaoise prison after an eight-year sentence imposed by the anti-terrorist Special Cristinal Court.

however, and his wife Meira collapsed in tears when told of the application for an exclu-

Special Crintinal Court.

He had jumped hall before his trial in 1982, and fled to the United States, but he was deported to Ireland. In June last year an apparent attempt to free him from custody was folled when petics found a 11b Senstex bomb attached to a grid near the cell in which he was being held an remand.

• Papers have been stolen from a Ford Flesta belonging to Dr Brian Mawhinney, the junior Northern Ireland minister, it was disclosed yesterjunior Northern treasus inter-ister, it was disclosed yester-day. The papers, in a holdail also containing personal ef-

had to endure more "vicious" personal abuse than any other prime minister in living mem-ory, Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said yesterday.

Mr Ridley blamed Labour and many in the media for the caricature of Mrs Thatcher as an arrogant and autocratic leader. He said: "The 1980s have been the decade when we in Britain have pulled ourselves up by our own boot-

opt out of the 1990s by letting and character assassination the intellectually poverty—which she has had to endure, striken assassinate the charac- of a far more unpleasant, ter of one of the greatest leaders we've ever had."

Speaking to party workers in his Cirencester and Tewkesbury constituency, Mr Ridley said Mrs Thatcher did listen to countervailing arguments: She does listen; and then she acts. That is what leadership means. It is not presiding benignly over a committee of disparate people striving to find a vague compromise. Her strong sense of purpose has transformed our country."

Mr Ridley said he resented "We must ensure we don't the "campaign of vilification which she has had to endure, vicious and personal kind

than any previous prime minister I can remember." Mrs Margaret Thatcher spoke of industry and universities working more closely together than ever before when she opened an Ad-vanced Technology Centre for research and development at the University of Warwick, in Coventry, yesterday (Craig Seton writes).

search into high technology out of the habit of enterprise.

vehicles and engines, funded mainly by the Rover Group and Rolls Royce plc: "We really now can compete with the very best the world over." She wanted to see the productivity of British industry, its unit labour costs and its advanced technology

which we can do". Academics and industry were working together in "a great cross fertilization of

way ahead of Germany,

Previously, Government Mrs Thatcher praised the had taken too many decisions creation of the £10 million and too much ownership upon postgraduate facility for re- itself and management had got itself and manag

student loans Bill

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

to block the controversial student loans Bill in Parliament today by calling for an adjournment when the legislation is debated in committee.

The move comes after the refusal of commercial banks to continue negotiations with the Government over the administration of the scheme.

If Labour's move is successful, ministers will be hard pressed to get the Bill through both Houses in time to introduce the scheme in September, notably because senior Conservative peers are planning to hold up the Bill when it enters the Lords,

The Bill contains no details of how a student loans scheme would work but merely states that the Secretary of State for Education and Science shall have the power to introduce a loans mechanism.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said yesterday that now the banks had pulled out, Parliament had no information about how the scheme would run, or who exactly would run it.

A motion to adjourn a Bill in the committee stage is almost unknown, and although few Conservatives are expected to support it there system, is Mr Harry She has been criticism of the Bill not Mr Roy Shepherd.

The Labour Party will attempt from backbench Conservatives. Mr Robert Rhodes James described its brevity as "an insult to Parliament".

When he announced that the banks had pulled out of negotiations with the Department of Education and Science, Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Editcation and Science, said that the withdrawal would not affect the proposals except that students would be denied an advice point and convenient means of registration.

However, Mr Straw said he wanted to know whether the Student Loans Company, based in Glasgow, would be a "direct Civil Service operation, a Civil Service agency, or ome arms' length quango".

● Mr James Pawsey, chairman of the Conservative backbench education com-mittee and member of the standing committee scrutiniz-ing the Bill, said it was "going ahead despite a little local difficulty with the banks".

CORRECTION

The director of the Oxford Street Association, quoted in a January 3 report on the rating system, is Mr Harry Shepherd,

MP tries to cut down passive smoking By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent The after-dinner cigar was in jeopardy explained that he was not seeking a Mr Amos added: "This is about extend-

last night as a young Conservative MP made ready to pursue his anti-smoking crosade. Mr Alan Amos, MP for Hexham in Northumberland, was planning to use a late night Commons debate to press the

Government for a ban on smoking in public places. Mr Amos, aged 37, who has already sponsored one Commons motion aimed

at curbing the use of tobacco, said that he wanted to see smoking banned on public transport, in restaurants and cases, in places of entertainment, at the workplace and in schools.

Aligning himself with the official wing of the anti-smoking lobby, Mr Amos

blanket ban on smoking in restaurants. If smokers and their noxious fumes could

be sealed off from non-smoking customers - by setting aside one floor of a building, for instance - that would be an acceptable compromise.

On the railways, Mr Amos was looking for a change of attitude, in which the smoker's pariah status was more clearly underlined. "BR should put the onus on smokers and have 'smoking carriages' which could be identified by the fug inside and the fact that they are all empty. I want separate facilities for smokers and not the other way round."

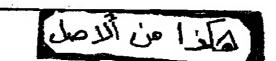
Pointing out that smokers make up only one third of the adult population,

ing and enhancing the rights of the majority not to live in an anti-social and dangerous environment." Independent research conducted for the Department of Health showed that passive smoking increased the risk of lung cancer by 30 per cent. In addition, it had been shown that over a normal lifetime, living in a smoke-filled environment was 100 times more dangerous than living with

Mr Amos also conjured up popular concern about "green" issues as a further reason for curbing smoking, saying it would help cut atmospheric pollution. Aesthetic considerations were equally

financial, business and industrial news. 'The Financial World Tonight' on BBC Radio 4. Tonight at 9.45.





Assembly line allegations

battle. Motor dealers 'paid £650,000 for spares stolen from Ford'

of pounds and sold them in a nationwide conspiracy, it was alleged yesterday.

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Police found parts worth in east London, Liverpool Crown Court was told.

The conspiracy was helped together and hid together and h the assembly production line at Halewood, Merseyside, and a management-union agreement banning body checks for workers leaving the plant.

Robert James Whyatt, aged 40, of Billericay, Essex. Robert Anthony Crotty, aged 29, of Chadwell Heath, east London, and Michael Robert Holiand, aged 48, of South Ockendon, Essex, all pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to handle stolen Ford car parts between January 1985 and November 1988. Mrs Lynn Jones, aged 37, of Badminton Street, Liverpool,

denied two charges of handling stolen parts. Seven other men have already been convicted of ontlet was RJW Automotive, conspiring to handle stolen

Ford parts. Mr Eric Somerset Jones, OC. for the prosecution, said no exact figure could be put on the loss to Ford or the profit to the alleged conspirators, although it was a massive and long-term operation.

Ltd in Barking, east London, stolen Ford parts worth £130,000 retail were seized. police searched the premises.

Production workers stole Ford £650,000 of stolen parts were ered after the chief security components worth thousands received in the previous year. officer at Ford noticed halo-Mr Somerset Jones said the parts were in containers alongside the Halewood assembly line. No stock check was kept £130,000 at one motor dealer and an agreement banned body searches of workers.

Some workers taped parts together and hid them in their

The spares were collected at a central depository in Liver-pool and transferred to a "fence". They were handed over in a car park or lay-by to Ian Ainsworth, of Illingworth Road, Preston, Lancashire, who paid for the delivery after selling the parts to apparently

♠ Agreement banned body searches of Halewood workers 9

legitimate retail outlets. They were paid for with a blank cheque and invoiced with a false value-added-tax number. Mr Somerset Jones said one owned by Mr Whyatt. Mr Crotty and Mr Holland helped to manage the company and knew of an arrangement between Mr Whyatt and Ains-

worth under which the company bought stolen parts. During the alleged conspiracy, the turnover of RJW Automotive soared from When police searched the Automotive soured from remises of RJW Automotive £279,000 in 1985 to £1.2 million by 1988. Turnover fell sharply in the months after

gen bulbs were not in their normal packaging at a main dealer. The bulb manufacturer confirmed that they had been meant specifically for the Ford production line. Invoices showed they had been supplied by RJW Automotive.

Mr Somerset Jones said that each transaction had averaged between £4,000 and £5,000 and the prices paid were very much lower than the normal retail value. Stolen parts were put in polythene bags printed with the Ford logo to give the impression they had come from a genuine source. He said the ridiculously low

cost of the parts, the fact that goods were supplied as available and not as required, and the absence of proper business premises when the parts were exchanged meant the defendants must have known the goods were stolen.

Mrs Jones was charged because she had been seen handling the stolen parts. Ainsworth, aged 36, des-

cribed meetings with the "Liverpool lads" in lay-bys near the M6 and in a secluded wood yard, where goods and cash were handed over.

He said Mr Whyatt had arrived for a meeting in a white Porsche to set up the agreement. Mr Somerset Jones asked Ainsworth if he had said that the spares were legitimate. Ainsworth replied: "I said they were stolen." The conspiracy was uncov-

Rushdie publishers under siege in Kensington



ing opposite the London headof a five-day vigil to stop passed by the late Ayatoliah lamic affairs, said: "The insult went beyond the law, "we protest.

quarters of the publishers, *Verses.* Campaign organizers Viking Penguin, in Kensington refused to condemn the death yesterday morning at the start sentence on Mr Rushdie UK action committee on Is- within the law, but if someone and London took part in the

A Muslim campaigner stand-further publication of Salman Khomeini. Speaking at the to the Muslim community is would not condone it, we would ing opposite the London head-Rushdie's book, *The Satanic* Islamic Cultural Centre in unparalleled." He added that not condemn it." Muslims Regent's Park, Dr Ali Mugha- the committee had urged Mus- from Cardiff, Birmingham, ram Ghandi, chairman of the lims to keep their protest Bradford, Glasgow, Leicester

Husband accused of slaughtering family

A spurned husband murdered his wife and her parents after she left him to escape his repeated beatings, a jury

was told yesterday. Only the family pet, an alsatian bitch called Cindy, survived the slaughter in a bungalow.

Mr Rene Hillebrand, aged 21, an unemployed Dutchman, denies the three murders on April 7 last year.

Mr Hillebrand, aged 21, was furious because his wife Dawn, aged 25, had left The Netherlands to live with her parents in south-east London, the Central Criminal court was told.

Mr Graham Boal, for the prosect tion, said Mr Hillebrand had warned his wife's relatives: "Marriage is until death us do part." Mrs Hillebrand was

found dead with nine stab wounds under a duvet in the spare room by Mrs Nicola Eaves, her younger sister.

The bodies of their parents, Mr Alan Sturgeon, aged 50, a Thames Water employee, and his wife Mar-garet, aged 49, an auxiliary nurse, were found beneath another duvet between the beds in the same room.

They also had multiple stab wounds. They were last seen alive at 10.15pm the night before as they walked the dog near the bungalow in Whitehall Lane, Slade Green, Erith.

Mr Boal said that while they were out Mr Hillebrand, who had already bought the murder knife and an imitation pistol, slipped into their home. Mrs Eaves and her husband Michael called the next day. Mr Boal said: "After letting herself in with her own key and taking in four bottles of milk she had found on the doorstep, Nicola went into the spare room which was used by Dawn.

"It was dark. The curtains were drawn and as she looked to her left she saw a quilt or duvet beside the beds. "Protruding from the bottom of the

duvet were a pair of legs. She realized she was looking at her sister." She ran outside, calling for her husband, who went back into the spare room and found the other bodies. Mrs Sturgeon had been put on

top of her dead husband. Mr Boal said

the killer had cleaned the house after

dragging the bodies into the spare

room, "Their shoes had been lined up against a wall in the room. One pair was heavily bloodstained." The killer had opened drawers and

stolen jewellery to make the crime look like a burglary. There was no sign of a forced entry, however. Mrs Hillebrand had married in

August 1987 after meeting her husband while working at an Israeli kibbutz. Mr Hillebrand, of Postjekade, Amsterdam, was arrested two days after the murders as he was about to return home from Gatwick Airport.

A bandage covered a deep cut to his right palm. "Who am I supposed to have murdered?" he was alleged to have said.

The trial continues today.

Judge tells Brown jury that case is not about morality

By Mark Souster

Brown, the Labour MP who is on Sea, Sussex. charged with theft and criminal damage at the flat of his former mistress, will this morning be sent out after five days of hearing evidence.

Judge Gower, QC, sitting at Lewes Crown Court, told them to ignore the fact that Mr Brown, MP for Edinburgh, Edward Rees, for the defence, Leith, was a public figure, whose trial had attracted a "blaze of publicity"...

The judge said: "It is very nortant that you should not judge Mr Brown by any different standard from that which you would apply to the trial of anybody else.

"One must not expect from out of spite. a man, simply because he is in a public position, a higher standard of morality and behaviour than that which we would expect from anyone else. He is a human being like the rest of us."

Mr Brown, aged 51, and married, is charged with theft and criminal damage on April 25 last year at Mrs Nonna

The jury in the case of Ron Longdon's flat in St Leonards because they were of great

In his summing up, Judge Gower, told the jury that they should not convict Mr Brown of theft if they were convinced he did not intend to perma-

Both the judge and Mr Mr Edward Rees, for the defence, in his closing speech, stressed that the fact that Mr Brown had opted not to give evidence "should not be held against . Mr Camden Pratt, for the

prosecution, said the Crown's case was that Mr Brown had committed the offences acting Mr Pratt said Mr Brown had "prevaricated" to shift the

blame on to other people. "It was to save his own skin that Mrs Nonna Longden and Mr Dermot Redmond (her new boy friend) were put through the hoop during cross-examination." Mr Pratt alleged that Mr Brown had taken a picture, jewellery and underwear "not

value but because the removal of them would hurt".

He said the MP's defence was that Mrs Longden was a "blackmailer" over alleged demands of up to £20,000 for politically sensitive tapes, and that Mr Redmond was "a

Mr Rees said the case against his client rested on the reliability" of both Mrs Longden and Mr Redmond, who had called the police on incident.

He said: "They have told some whoppers and they have lied on oath." He asked the jury: "Would you buy a used car from Mr Redmond? This is not a joke, it is quite serious. If the answer is 'no' we are in a different game in this courtroom. You are being asked to convict a man and do him irreparable damage on the word of a man you wouldn't buy a car from."

Judge Gower will finish his summing up this morning

West Midlands readvertises top police post ply for "suitably qualified offi- Dear, are Mr David O'Dowd, decided then to readvertise. "to encourage all suitably cers" to apply. Last year, the Chief Constable of North- resulting in only one more qualified officers to put their

By Craig Seton and Stewart Tendler

The West Midlands police authority decided yesterday to readvertise the £55,600-a-year ost of chief constable after only four candidates put their names forward for what is regarded as one of the top jobs in British policing.

The Labour-controlled authority has also dropped the condition it originally imposed that applicants must be either serving chief constables or officers of a similar senior rank within the Metropolitan Police, which would usually be the level of assistant commissioner or acting assistant commissioner.

The authority is asking sim-

police authority for another smaller force decided to readvertise the post of chief constable. There has been criticism that not enough top-qua-lity officers are reaching senior levels. Late last year, the Home Office announced the

creation of a fast stream of officers to encourage high fliers. Some posts, however, do encourage big numbers of applicants. The post of chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary drew more than a dozen applicants last year before a London officer was

chosen for the job. The four applicants for the

Leicestershire, Mr Ian Oliver, The source also dismissed the suggestion that potential and WL loun Newing, a Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Metro-

politan Police, who has been working at the Home Office. However, sources within the force of 7,000 officers said yesterday that four applications was not an unusually low stable would not be embroiled figure for a post that was likely in an inquiry started long to attract only the highest calibre of experienced senior

officers. It was pointed out that of members appointed to when only three candidates shortlist applicants. They said

before he was appointed.

West Midlands post, which is applied for the job when it was in a statement that they had vacant in 1985, it was also decided to readvertise the post

amptonshire, Mr Michael applicant coming forward be-Hirst, Chief Constable of fore Mr Dear was appointed. The authority

appucants may have been vestigation by the West Yorkshire police into alleged corruption within the West Midlands force's disbanded serious crime squad. The source said a new chief con-

The decision by the police authority was taken by a panel

The authority's original intention to interview shortlisted candidates over two days early next month and deterred by the present in- then announce immediately a successor to Mr Dear has been

Mr Dear, aged 52, leaves the force at the end of March to become Inspector of Constabulary for the Midlands.

PORTFOLIO PLATINUM

There were no valid claims for yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize. The prize money in today's com-petition is doubled to £4,000.

Four admit to social security fraud plot

Three people were jailed and a fourth received a suspended sentence yesterday for their part in a plot to defraud the Department of Social Security of £3.5 million. The plot was described as the largest planned fraud against the

The four, all neighbours, were the Midlands team of a huge nationwide organization, Southwark Crown Court was told. They used forged pension books, birth certificates and rent cards to make claims at dozens of post offices.

In one month they collected £18,500, Mr Christopher May, for the prosecution, said. They handed the money to the "Mr Big", named only as Tony, and were paid.

The plot was discovered when an estate agent opened a house in north London and found forged documents and

forging equipment. Patsy McKnight, aged 24 Robert Higham, aged 31, Jayne Ledwith, aged 26, and Sarah Junkin, aged 42, all of Leicester, admitted conspiring to obtain property by deception between August I and November 25, 1988.

Higham was a driver for the others who went into post offices, presented the forged pension books and collected money, Mr May said.

Mr John Hume, for the defence, said: "All these defendants are holding the baby for the big fish. The minnows should not share the burden of compensation."

McKnight, Higham and unkin were jailed for six months Ledwith was sentenced to four months, suspended for two years.

being vacated by Mr Geoffrey Clay model may identify dead girl



The photographs of a model of a dead teenage girl (left) were released by police in Cardiff yesterday in an effort to

dentify the victim. Cardiff. Police believe it had

from all angles.

Her partly-clothed body was found a mouth ago rolled up in a carpet and buried under 18in of soil in a garden in Fitzhammon Embankment in

been there for about five years. Detectives asked Mr Richard Neave, a renowned medical artist from Manchester University, who rebuilt the face of the unknown victim of the King's Cross fire, to reconstruct the face of the girl. She was aged about 15.

Mr Neave used a cast of the dead girl's skull to work out the shape of her ears, nose and other facial features. He then nstructed a clay model which has been photographed Television standards

BBC 'regrets' bad language

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

reservedly yesterday for the foul language used by the comedian Dave Allen during his comeback television show, screened at prime viewing time at the weekend.

The corporation said that a warning should have gone out before the programme informing viewers that some of the language might cause offence. The comedian's use of fourletter words resulted in complaints to the BBC plus criticism in Parliament from

backbench Tory MPs. Mr James Moir, head of and on reflection this is a BBC TV light entertainment, said yesterday that the failure to provide viewers with a warning before the show was

time all their working lives in their jobs, and when they retire they get "a f...ing clock". last night in the annual Christ-Mr Moir, speaking yesterday on the BBC television

programme, Open Air, said: Clearly we are sorry if we have given unnecessary offence. On those occasions when this word has been used in the past on BBC Television. matter of regret."

Mr Robert Hayward, Conservative MP for Kingswood, Bristol, intends to raise the compared with 47.2 per cent "a matter of regret". The matter with Mr David Wad- for ITV and Channel 4.

The BBC apologized un- worst of Mr Allen's language dington, the Home Secretary, came in his last joke - about and has tabled a Commons people who have to watch the question asking him to discuss the issue with the BBC.

> mas ratings battle against ITV, helped by the three highest single audiences on Christmas Day. The film Crocodile Dundee attracted the biggest audience

with 21.77 million viewers, closely followed by Only Fools the programme has normally and Horses (20.12 million) been preceded by a warning. It and Bread (16.51 million), didn't happen on this occasion according to official figures. The viewing bonanza helped the BBC to an overall 52.8 per cent winning share of the

Kidney surgeon tested Turk with £5 note, hearing told

By John Young

A leading transplant surgeon waved a £5 note in the face of a Turkish print worker to try to discover whether he was being paid for donating a kidney, a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing was told

yesterday. Mr Michael Bewick, one of three doctors facing charges of serious professional misconduct after allegations of a trade in London of paid for kidneys, had taken the Turk's reaction to mean that he was not getting any money.

The hearing has already been told by the Tark, Mr Ferhat Usta, that he received more than £2,000 for his kidney, which was transplanted by Mr Bewick into an Israeli patient at a private hospital in St John's Wood, north-west London. The £5 note "test", which was made

shortly before the operation, was disclosed

to the bearing by Mr David Sapsted, a

reporter on The Times, who interviewed Mr

Bewick about the allegations that four impoverished Turks had been brought to

London in 1988 and had been paid to donate their kidneys to wealthy, private

He gave his evidence as the hearing was resumed in London at which Mr Bewick. Dr Raymond Crockett, a kidney specialist whose patients received the paid-for organs, and Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist, all deny charges of involvement in the trade and of failing to ascertain whether the Turks were being paid.

Mr Sapsted said Mr Bewick had told

him that the reaction of Mr Usta "of course means nothing", as anyone coming to Britain intent on selling a kidney was unlikely to admit it.

According to Mr Sansted, Mr Bewick said that he was paid to look after people and not to interrogate them. That was Dr Crockett's job. Mr Bewick had told Mr Sapsted that he had known Dr Crockett for between five and seven years. He had developed a trust with him. But when Mr Sapsted asked what sort of

man Dr Crockett was, Mr Bewick had

replied: "He never appears to be telling you

the full truth. It makes people very angry." Mr Bewick had added that by the time he had talked with Dr Crockett for some four hours he was convinced that he was not "pulling people over" and paying them money to donate kidneys. "If I were to start interrogating, I would

have to give up operating," Mr Bewick was • The donor was said to be a

distant cousin of patient 9

reported to have said. "I don't know about a brokerage system in Turkey." When Mr Bewick was asked whether he thought that Mr Ustr was genetically related to the family of Mr B, a patient in a London hospital who was gravely ill and in

need of a transplant, he said he had been

told that he was a distant cousin. He knew that he could not be a close relative because all the members of Mr B's immediate family were Israelis. Cross-examined by Mr Roger Bell, QC, for Mr Bewick, Mr Sapsted agreed that his

telephone interview. "But he was certainly willing to speak to

von?" Mr Bell asked, "Yes, he was very frank and open," Mr Sapsted said. Mr Sapsted said that Mr Bewick appeared convinced that Dr Crockett had nothing to do with paying donors and that Mr Bewick was insistent he himself had known nothing and that, if anything, they had been duped.

He had not asked directly whether the Turks who were alleged to have been paid to donate kidneys were content with the situation. There had been no suggestion at

the time that any of them were unhappy. Mr Sapsted was also asked about money said to have been offered to Mr Kenneth Westall, a former employee of the National Kidney Centre, in exchange for information. Sir Robert Kilpatrick, chairman of the committee, asked on what basis money had been paid to Mr Westall.

Mr Sapsted replied that it was not the policy of The Times to pay money for nformation but on this occasion it had been

client had been given no warning of the agreed that Mr Westall should receive something for the considerable time he had spent in giving help with reporters' inquiries and because of the importance of the story in the public interest. "In effect it was for information?" "For assistance, yes." No story based on anything Mr Westall had said had ever appeared.

Mr Robin Stacey, a freelance reporter working for The Times, described an interview with Dr Crockett at his home in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, in the company of other reporters. Several of the questions concerned an advertisement placed in the Al-Ahram newspaper offering payment to kidney donors and mentioning Dr Crockett's name.

Dr Crockett had replied in a statement that allegations that he had been involved in placing the advertisement were completely untrue. After the advertisement appeared he had acted immediately by contacting his medical defence union and writing a letter of protest to the editor of the

The hearing continues today.



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£5m target is set to reopen canal tunnel beneath Pennines

The first steps to raise more feet below ground. Crewmen than £5 million to repair and reopen the longest under-ground canal tunnel in the United Kingdom have been taken almost half a century after the last narrow boat passed along its dank and dark

An Act of Parliament in 1944 closed Standedge Tunnel on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal 133 years after it had opened to national celebration in a ceremony which saw 500 passengers, singing "Rule Britannia" ferried beneath the Pennine Moors. It was considered to be unsafe and

lives of 50 workmen among the hundreds who toiled with picks, shovels and primitive gun powder to carve out the construction that was hailed as one of the great engineering feats of its day, equivalent to the modern day building of the Channel Tunnel.

Standedge Tunnel runs 31/4 miles beneath the Moors, linking the village of Marsden in West Yorkshire on the Eastern shoulders of the Pennines to Diggle, near Manchester, in the west At its deepest point it is some 600

A secondary school in Kent is

launching a commercial ven-

ture to pay for the largest

privately funded astronomy

and space observatory open to the public in the United

The enterprise, conceived at

Canterbury High School, ex-

ploits holograms, especially made for the school, of the

lunar rocks that the American

astronaut Colonel James Ir-

July 1971 after the Apollo 15

space mission. The rocks are

part of the collection that the

US National Aeronautics and

Space Administration (Nasa)

keeps sealed in nitrogen-filled

win brought back to earth in

on the barges which daily passed along its route had to lay on their backs and propel along the roof and walls of the tunnel, an operation that would take upto four hours with a fully laden boat.

The tunnel, started by the engineer Benjamin Aoutram and completed by Thomas Telford, became a major artery for the Industrial Revolution providing an efficient means of cross-Pennine transport that replaced the old pack mule trains.

It was never commercially viable, however, and the Begun in 1794, it took 17 dawning of the railway era years to complete, claimed the around the turn of the century dawning of the railway era signalled its eventual demise. Today, it is the growth of pleasure boating and the her-itage leisure industry that is bringing about its resurrec-

> Although national attention maybe currently focused on the progress and costs of the tunnel which will link the UK to Europe, enthusiastic members of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal Society, the driving force behind the restoration programme, insist that the estimated £5.5m cost of repairing their underground

School launches space business

in Houston, Texas. The set of

three-dimensional images

were made last year by Sky

Holographics, a specialist firm in laser technology at Tumbridge Wells, under an ar-rangement with Nasa, for a

school project to mark the

twentieth anniversary of the

The school has formed a

company to sell copies of the holograms to schools and

educational establishments in

Mr David Platts, a senior

teacher, said the company, run by pupils and teachers, was established with help from the

waterway is a bargain. The Society has commissioned and published the findings of two surveys on the future of the tunnel. Together they cost £300,000, with half the funds being provided through the EEC and the rest coming from three local councils along the route of the canal, the Society itself and the Yorkshire Sports

One of the studies looked at the amount of work required to make the tunnel safe again for public navigation and was carried out by the leading firm of engineers, the Ove Arup partnership. They carried out a detailed survey along the entire length of the tunnel and concluded that it could be repaired and made safe at a cost of £5.5m within three

The report concluded: "The Standedge tunnel is a major heritage structure and a monument to the industrial Revolution where men toiled to create one of Britain's most significant engineering achievements.

Mr Glyn Walton, the engineer in charge of the survey, said that 60 per cent of the tunnel was lined in brick or stone and was "in remarkably

Industry. The money would help raise £20,000 to pay for

the building and operation of

It is scheduled for a formal

epening next week by Colonel Irwin, who is in Canterbury to

give a lecture on space

The creation of the observatory was directed by Mr

Norman Walker, a pro-

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The observatory marks a

further step in the use of space

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Artist brings classic touch to new hotel



after being converted from an 1835 manor house. Mr Taylor, aged 38, of Cornwall, is taking 10 weeks to complete the work.

Aircraft crash research

Flying much safer than road travel

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

More people died on British roads in the first three months of last year than were killed in air crashes throughout the world

during the whole year.
In spite of the deaths of 47 when a British Midland Boeing 737-400 crashed on the M1 last January, last year proved to be an average one for accidents involving big commercial aircraft, with 17 "hull losses" and just over 800 deaths. That compared with 1,178 deaths on British roads in the first quarter of last year.

Slightly more people died in air crashes last year than the average annual fig-ure for the past 30 years. However, the number of flights increased dramatically, decreasing the trend. American safety specialists believe that there will be more

crashes as the number of flights increases. If aircraft continue to be lost at the present rate of 1.4 for every million departures, there would be 19 crashes this year, 21 in 1995 and 25 in 2000. Enormous effort is being made, therefore, to improve the safety record.

It has been calculated that about 70 per cent of fatal accidents in the past 30 years were caused to some extent by pilot er-ror. Most airlines and manufacturers employ "human factor" specialists, such as psychologists and ergonomics experts, to study the way pilots react to cockpit layouts, to each other and to sudden pressures caused by in-flight failures.

Many are calling for pilots to sit an examination on human factors before being granted a licence. The latest confidential report by the Royal Air Force's Institute of Aviation Medicine gives a number of examples of pilots who made mistakes either because the copilots would not challenge a decision taken by more experienced captains or of captains who refuse to believe juniors when errors are pointed out to them.

The Confidential Human Factors Incident Reporting Programme (Chirp) said in the report: Events that seem almost incredible when written down in black and white do happen. The problem is that pilots don't stop being people when they get on to the flight deck; they take with them the bits of pride and prejudice that we all carry about in life."

Barnardos receives donations from 1939

Barnardo s the children's charity, has received three

charty, has received unce chaques sent in 1939 (Robin Young writes).

The chaques, posted by British expatriates in Shang. hai, were intercepted by the Germans during the Second World War, held for years at the German Institute in Stuttgart, and then seized by the Americans. They were recently returned to the German federal archives and forwarded to Britain.

The cheques are for 10 shillings from Mr and Mrs LC.M. Pemberton of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China; for £1 from Mr L.H. Lowford of the Custom House, Shanghai; and for £5 from Mr H. Macphail of Jardine Mathieson. The banks involved say they will honour the cheques at their present value. The £1 cheque would be worth about £19 today.

Officers bailed Four members of the disbanded West Midlands Serious Crime Squad - were remanded on unconditional bail by Birmingham magistrates yesterday. Det Inspec-tor Terence Mills, Det Constable Michael Quinn, and Det Sergeants David Ford and Anthony Ball are charged with perjury and attempting to pervert the course of justice.

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Hoax charge Colin Goodwin, aged 17, of Dunshaughlin, Co Meath, was

bailed by Dublin district court on a charge of making a hoaz bomb threat to American

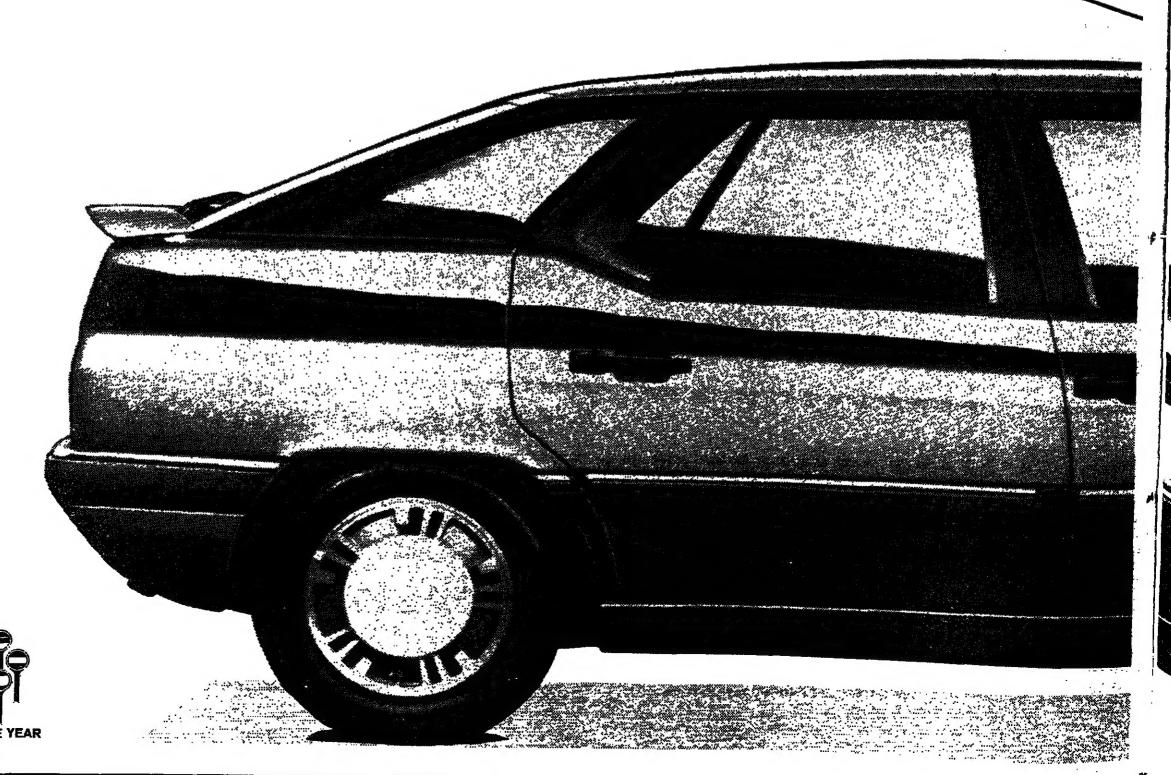
Case dropped Mr Ronald Smith, aged 30, of Stafford, has been cleared of careless driving after the sui-cide of John Heddle, MP, who was due to give evidence at his

trial. The Crown Prosecution Service withdrew the charge. Paper jobs cut Ninety workers are to be made redundant at the Scott Paper # Mill at Barrow, Cumbria.

Science chief Sir Mark Richmond, FRS, aged 58, vice-chancellor and professor of molecular biology at Manchester University, has been made chairman of the Science and Engineering Re-

search Council.

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By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

suffer costly damage.

fleet managers are warning motorists who join the rush towards converting their cars or buying expensive clean-up equipment without proper safeguards that they could be heading for trouble.

ment, which is offering tax rebates of up to £390 for motorists who buy cars with

Propane is being tested as a refrigerator coolant offering a cheap and environmentally-friendly alternative to ozonedamaging chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). Researchers at the South Bank Polytechnic, London, claim the flammable, liquid gas is a viable substitute for CFCs and can be larrassed in a hazard-free manner. Propane's potential as a coolant has long been known but it has never been exploited in domestic

equipment also qualify. The German regulations anticipate demand that all new cars are fitted with catalytic converters. These soak up 90 per cent catalytic converter. of an engine's noxious emissions. The rebate is offered in an effort to cut pollution by 30 per cent.

refrigerators.

The environmental group Friends of the Earth said: "There is no reason why Britain should be standing still. If the market does not move quickly enough, like the Germans we could encourage motorists to buy cleaner cars ahead of the EC legislation by helping with the cost."

Yet the demand to force the were necessary.

Pressure is growing on the pace of environmental im-Government to offer tax in-provement comes at a time centives to "green" motorists when many motorists are in its March Budget in spite of struggling to understand the fears that cars converted to changes besieging the market. cleaner unleaded fuel could The biggest worry surrounds unleaded petrol in spite of the Engineers and company car campaign mounted by the Government, motor manufac-

turers and oil companies. The Automobile Association's headquarters was bombarded with calls yesterday from worried motorists who eading for trouble. were told that using cheap Environmentalists want conversions to unleaded pet-Britain to raise the speed of rol offered by "cowboy" the drive against vehicle mechanics could backfire by pollution by following the lead requiring repairs costing up to pollution by following the lead of the West German Govern£1,000. Incorrect conversion of cars which need the lubricating lead additive, leads to valve wear and, eventually, engine failure. Mr David Gardner, consul-

tant to the Federation of Engine Remanufacturers, says garages are dealing with a big increase in repairs to cylinder heads and engine valves linked with the use of unleaded petrol in cars unsuitable for the new fuel. He blamed do-it-yourself enthusiasts and rogue garage owners giving incorrect advice.

Virtually all of the two million new cars coming on to the market annually can use unleaded immediately.

In another development, a catalytic converters. Motorists leading Midlands-based fleet who fit older cars with the company, Fleet Management equipment also qualify. The Services, is complaining that motorists who buy cars with EC legislation that comes into exhaust-gas cleaning catalytic force in 1992 and which will converters could face hefty bills, as one fill of ordinary leaded petrol would rain a

Mr Geoff Cobley, managing director, is demanding that manufacturers attach mileage guarantees to the converters. More than 300 chemical workers are being laid off because of the uptake of unleaded petrol. Associated Octel, at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, produces the fuel additive that injects lead into four-star petrol, but the company said that a drop in demand meant that job losses

Tax incentive Home of the Once and Future King restored by farmer



The secrets of Pendragon Castle (above), where King Arthur is said to have been born and brought up, are being uncovered during careful re-

bas almost completed the painstaking consolidation of the ruins of being uncovered during careful repair work. Mr Raven Frankland, a Hugh de Morville, one of the

à Becket (Robin Young writes). Mr Frankland, who bought the castle for £525 in 1963, has been repairing the crambling walls and towers. He has

dug out fallen masoury to reach the floor of the castle, exposing vaulted chambers and spiral staircases. Legend has it that the original castle was built by Uther Pendragon, The river Eden will run as it ran."

Arthur's father, who tried to divert the river Eden to form a moat, giving rise to the local rhyme: "Let Uther Pendragon do as he can,

Bridge death falls

Council's failure to act is criticized

yesterday for refusing to spend money on making safe a bridge which has claimed more than 40 lives in the last two decades.

Mr Michael Oakley was inquest on the two latest victims of the 80st high Valley Bridge in Scarborough.

Mr Stephen Jeffery, a British Rail trackman aged 23, and his daughter, Kelly-Ann Wilkinson, aged two, fell from the bridge on Saturday evening. Their identities were formally released by the police vesterday.

Mr Oakley said the tragedy happened in different circumstances from another incident at the bridge a few days earlier

A coroner criticized a council celebrations for her seventeenth birthday.

The coroner criticized Scarborough Borough Council for the lack of safety measures on the bridge. He said he had been concerned for some time speaking at the opening of the at the case with which people could get on to the bridge and fall from it. Mr Oakley said he had

written to the council after two people died at the bridge last "I find it extraordinary that

the council currently maintain that public money will not be well spent on the bridge even, if only one life was saved." He said that was a direct

quotation from a letter he had received from the council. He added: "One life, in my mind, when a girl died during is more precious than limitless

public coffers." The coroner council." While it was true said he hoped the latest trag- that the parapets on the bridge edy would make the council think again and erect guard rails on the bridge.

Mr Jeffery and the mother of his daughter, Miss Debra Wilkinson, of Whitby Road, Cloughton, Scarborough, had lived together until their engagement broke up a year ago. Mr Jeffery, of Queen's Terrace, Scarborough, looked after his daughter each weekend.

Mr John Trebble, the chief executive of Scarborough council, responded to the coroner's comments yesterday by saying: "The matter has previously been fully debated and it certainly has not been a question of cost acting as the overriding determinant of the

were low and there had been proposals to double their height, it would still be perfeculy feasible for a determined person to scale them.

The council rejected an £80,000 scheme to raise the height of the parapets last September. Mr Trebble said: Every death is a tragedy and this is a situation which is almost impossible to provide answers for."

British Telecom has turned down an appeal from the local Samaritans group, who wanted a telephone helpline to be provided at the bridge. It said such a telephone would be regularly vandalized.

The inquest was adjourned until a date to be fixed later.

Relics of early polar exploration for sale

rnotographs and other memo-rabilia vividly evoking the perilous early days of polar exploration in the 1920s are expected to make a total and light to rescue an Italian explorer returning expected to make a total of £15,000 at Christie's, South Kensington, on February 8.

The material documents the

flights of Roald Amundser the Norwegian explorer, and Lincoln Ellsworth, the Ameri-can, in 1925-6. Both men nearly lost their lives during the first unsuccessful flight to reach the North Pole in Dornier flying boats in 1925 and were forced to land on an ice flow 136 miles from their

Among highlights will be a specially made board game with instructions that it be played over the Pole (estimate £5,000 to £8,000).

South Pole in 1911 and and

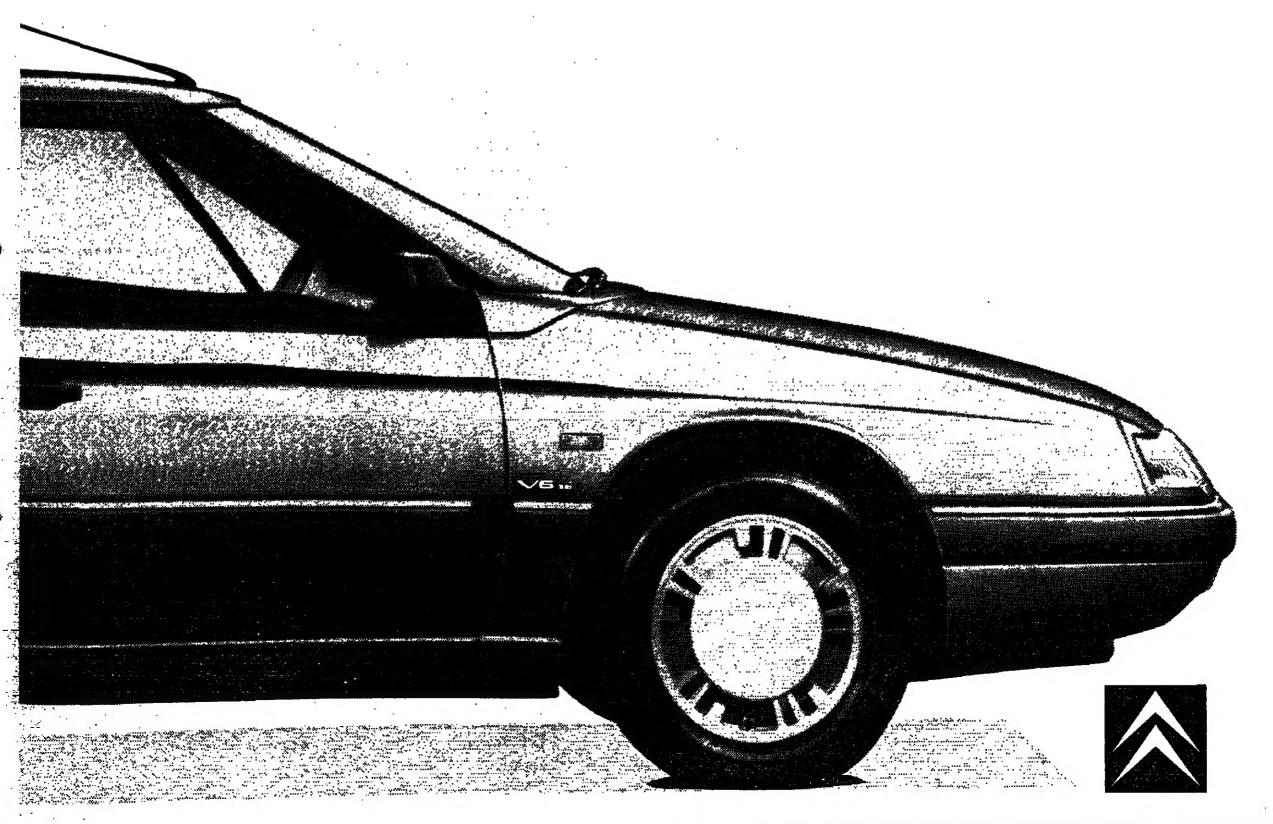
an Italian explorer returning from the North Pole in 1928. Ellsworth was born in 1889. After his Polar success, he undertook a trans-arctic sub

SALEROOM

John Shaw

marine expedition in 1931 and flew 2,300 miles across the Antarctic in 1935. A group of medals including the DFM and Bar won by Squadron Leader "Ginger" Lacey, one of the most successful pilots in the Battle of Britain who died best May. of Britain, who died last May, will be sold by Sotheby's at the Royal Air Force Museum Hendon, on September 15.

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The Community Charge.

How some disabled people can pay less.

From April the <u>Community Charge</u> will replace the domestic rates.

Almost everyone aged 18 or over will have to register and pay.

But not every disabled person will have to pay the full amount.

Community Charge Benefit could reduce their bill.

If you're now on Housing Benefit most Councils will work out what you can get without your needing to make a separate claim. (Check your bill when you get it.) If you're on Income Support, but not Housing Benefit, you should have received a claim form from the D.S.S.

Others on low incomes might get help too.

Anyone who thinks they need to claim

Community Charge Benefit should send off

the coupon for a claim form.

And for some disabled people help will be provided through Transitional Relief. Claim forms are available by filling in this coupon.

To get a lower bill from the start it's important you claim now.

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President admits Army killed priests

From Charles Bremner, New York, and Susan Ellicott, Washington

Members of the military progress on bringing to justice

The killings of Father Ignacio Ellacuria, director of day. the country's top university, and his colleagues in the midst widely believed to have been squad linked to the military. justice.

They provoked an international outcry and brought elopment in El Salvador," said heavy pressure on Señor Cristiani's American-backed administration to track down the culprits.

After an investigation aslast week, by detectives from Scotland Yard, Senor Crist- the killings." iani said a judicial com-mission had "determined that a senior staff officer, said two j forces".

The announcement by Senor Cristiani looks set to questioning, but he gave no dampen expected calls from Congress in the approaching new session for an end to US military aid to the country.

Congressional leaders and human rights groups welcomed the statement as a the counter-offensive against crucial step towards democ-racy in El Salvador but Farabundo Marti National emphasized they would re-Liberation Front which atemphasized they would re- Liberation Front which at-serve full praise until the tacked San Salvador and other implicated military members cities in November. had been tried.

of the justice system in El

Members of the Democratled Congress had threatened

committed the massacre of six those reponsible for the leading Jesuit priests in El killings last November before Salvador last November, President Cristiani has January 23. Washington provides El Salvador with aid worth \$1 million (£610,000) a

The executive director of a human rights group also welof a guerrilla offensive were comed the announcement but was concerned whether solthe work of a right-wing death diers would ever be brought to

"This is a landmark dev Mr Arych Neier, the executive director of Human Rights Watch, "It's exceptionally encouraging that the Salvadoran Government itself is willing to sisted by US experts and, since acknowledge the responsibility of its own armed forces for

there was involvement of officers and 45 soldiers of the some elements of the armed Atlacal battalion had been recalled to the capital and restricted to barracks for further details

> The Atlacal battalion is a black-uniformed commandotype unit trained by the Americans in the techniques of guerrilla war. It led much of

The Salvadoran military "We have not been im-pressed with the effectiveness closely involved in the death squads which in the early Salvador and this will be a real 1980s massacred tens of thou-test of it, said Mr Lee sands of citizens whom they Hamilton, a member of the suspected of sympathizing House. Foreign Affairs with the left-wing opposition movement.

Pressure from the US curbed their excesses in recent to press for the aid to be cut years, but no officer has been

El Salvador | Defrocked minister held over sacrificial murders



Mr Jeffrey Landgren, the defrocked minister accused of the ritual murders, being taken to the San Diego County Jail. His wife and their son were also held.



An arsenal of weapons was found in the motel room of the Lundgrens, left. The bodies of the Avery family, right, were discovered in an Ohio baru last week.

Cult feud theory in slaughter of family

From Charles Bremner New York

A defrocked minister and his wife and son were yesterday charged in Ohio with the murders of a family of five in what police alleged was a sacrificial ritual linked to a feud between rival religious

Mr Jeffrey Lundgren, his wife Alice and their son Damon, aged 19, were tracked down to a motel near San Diego as they attempted to lead a small band of followers across the border into the "wilderness" in Mexico.

A national manhunt was launched for Mr Lundgren after police found the bodies of Dennis Avery, his wife, and their three daughters in an Ohio barn last week. Police said the Averys had been shot in a sacrificial ritual last April before the cult members set off to be "cleansed" in the wilderness, where they intended to search for a holy "golden"

Mr Lundgren broke away from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, an offshoot of the Mormon Church, three years ago and founded a small sect with about 30 adherents.

Last year he declared himself a prophet as his followers accumulated weapons in preparation for what police claimed was an attack on the Reorganized Church.

A girl, aged 14, whose mother belonged to the cult, said that, among other targets, the group had planned an attack on the Kirtland Historic Temple, a church.

Ten other church followers have also been charged.

The Lundgren sect was one of a string of bizarre cults to spring up in recent years after a period of relative quiet since the mystical and quasi-religious groups of the late 1960s and 1970s, whose leaders in-

Bush seeks to soothe Latin American

From Charles Bremner New York

The Unites States yesterday sought to defuse its quarrel with Colombia over an anti-drug patrol by American warships. The dispute illustrates the indignation in Latin America over the invasion of Panama.

However popular it was in the US and among middle-class Panamanians, the American invasion has once again unleashed the spectre of the bullying yanqui, a feared and hated stereotype which has deep roots in Latin-American history.

At the weekend senior White House officials began a campaign to soothe raw nerves throughout the region. Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, the Deputy Secretary of State, for example, assured Nicaragua that it was "highly unlikely" to be invaded by American forces as Panama was.

Colombia balked at the US naval operation, which was planned some time ago, after local opposition groups depicted it as a blockade reminiscent of past US actions - the 1913 operation that led to the creation of Panama out of Colombian territory, for instance.

President Bush last Friday acknowledged the damage the Panama invasion has inflicted on ties in the region, but said he wanted local leaders to understand that it was not a return to euroboat diplomacy. But local anger has hardly been

assuaged by the news that Mr Bush Washington (Reuter) - The Rev

Jesse Jackson, the US politician, alleged yesterday that the United States had killed at least 1,200 nian civilians last month, saying this was more people than the Chinese Government had killed in Tiananmen Sonare.

has chosen Vice-President Dan Quayle as his fence-mending emissary later this month.

Amid their euphoria over capturing General Noriega, Administra-tion officials are making light of the condemnation that "Operation Just Cause" has provoked from Latin-American states. A Bush aide said on television that "they've got to make a fliss, but privately they're behind us". This view is, however, being challenged by many American experts and Latin-American officials, who see it as more like a brutish stunt aimed at bolstering Mr Bush's standing in public opinion at democracy.

Newspapers around the region have noted that, according to US drug experts, General Noriega ceased two years ago to play any important role in the flow of cocaine into North America, and that the operation of the Panama Canal had never been disrupted until after the

The American diplomats who now face the task of soothing Latin-American pride, have been angered by what they see as the gratuitously ffensive tactics employed by the invading US Army, including the initial indiscriminate bombing which cost the lives of several hundred Panamanian civilians.

It emerged at the weekend that Colombia has revoked its decision to allow the Americans to instal radar stations on its territory to track drug planes. The Colombians fear that the US might use the Panama operation as a precedent to pursue suspected traffickers.

The invasion has clearly set back co-operation in the drug war. It has planned drug summit in Colombia. But, politically, the most immedi-

ate damage may have been in Nicaragua, where next month's elections will mark the culmination of years of American and international pressure on the Sandinista leadership to test its legitimacy through the ballot box.

The images of thousands of tall white gringo soldiers killing Panamanian citizens have proved a godsend for President Ortega and his Government because they live up to all the worst caricatures of yangui imperialism, and have given a timely boost to the Sandinista effort to depict the opposition as just so many US-financed stooges.

In Nicaragua and all around the region, commentators have been pointing out the apparent double

invaded one country, claiming the death of a single US citizen as justification, while it has continued to finance rebel forces who have killed several of its citizens in

wille some American did lomats are agonizing over the aftermath, Administration officials are taking a hard-line view, arguing that the US can probably afford to ignore the emotions of Latin America now that the East-West contest has all but evaporated from the

Although US indifference may be valid in South and Central America. a region crippled by permanent economic crisis and heavily dependent on US benevolence, however,

it may prove dangerous when applied to Mexico. President Salinas had done more in two years to mend fences with Washington than any Mexican President for decades, but with anti-US public feeling now running high, he will be obliged to keep some patriotic distance from the vanauis.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Rocket attack on prince's home

Tokyo (Reuter) - Home-made rockets were fired last night of Emperor Akihito, in what appeared to be a left-wing attack against the Imperial Family, police said. They said no damage or injuries were reported. At least two spent rockets were found, one on a road and another in a garden of a house a few hundred yards away. It is thought that the rockets were launched from a car parked on vacant ground several bundred yards away.

A similar incident occurred at the same time in Kvoto in western Japan, the police said. Again, no damage or injuries were reported. Earlier yesterday Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese Prime Minister, named a government committee to prepare for Emperor Akihito's formal accession in

Abu Nidal sidelined

The extremist Abu Nidal organization has been effectively put out of business, Palestinian sources in Tripoli - the group's home base — claimed yesterday (Michael Evans writes). Since last month, Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabri Khalil al-Bannaz, has been under *de facto* house arrest in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. Yesterday it was said that leading figures in the group had been thrown out of their offices and banned from entering their training camp. Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, has been forced to move against Abu Nidal in order to gain favour with the other Arab states, in particular Egypt. Colonel Gadaffi has also indicated that he wants better relations with the United

'Kidnappers' named

Jerusalem - The United States knows the identity of the Arab kidnappers of Colonel Willam Higgins, the US officer serving with United Nations forces in Lebanon who was allegedly murdered last August in retaliation for Israel's abduction of a Hezbollah leader, *Ha'aretz*, an Israeli newspaper, claimed yesterday (Richard Owen writes). According to the report, Colonel Higgins was taken by two Hezbollah gunmen, named as Mohammed Rihal and Mustafa Marwi, to a Hezbollah camp near Beirut called Arak-Kra'a, where he was interrogated and tortured.

Police abuse alleged

Safeguards against torture and ill-treatment in police custody are inadequate in Austria, Amnesty International says in a report published today (Michael Knipe writes). The human rights organization says it has received reports of 128 separate incidents of alleged abuse involving 201 people in the past four years. The allegations of ill-treatment range from slaps to the head to near suffocation and burnings with lighted cigarettes. The organization urged Austria, which has ratified the United Nations Convention Against Torture, to put the convention's provisions into practice.

UK ship in Argentina

Buenos Aires (Reuter) - The first British merchant ship to visit Argentina since the 1982 Falklands War weighed anchor yesterday with a cargo of refrigerated meat and fruit. wool and leather. The Churchill, a container vessel, had unloaded machinery, steel goods and 12 passengers on Sunday. The ship's arrival followed agreements Britain and Argentina signed in October to scrap restrictions on trade and transport. Last week Britain lifted restrictions against Argentine ships, permitting them to enter the 150-mile military protection zone around the Falkland Islands.

Ski resorts feel pinch

Paris - With many French ski slopes still without the faintest covering of snow, the beleaguered winter sports trade is demanding prompt government action to avert financial disaster (Philip Jacobson writes). The industry, suffering a delayed start for the third consecutive year, has been told that M Olivier Stirn, the Minister for Tourism, is considering requests to declare particularly hard-hit resorts such as the Haute-Savoie and Hautes-Pyrénées regions, zones of natural disaster, enabling holiday concerns to claim the cost of paying employees on their insurance policies.

Crowe supports US cuts

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

Washington's refusal to negotiate naval cuts or the elimination of tactical nuclear weapons from surface ships was publicly questioned yesterday by the man who led the US military until his retirement last September.

"If some naval reductions can get us more than they are worth, we ought to be willing to consider talking (with the Soviet Union)," Admiral William Crowe, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in an interview.

There should not be "anything sacrosanct" from negotiated reductions as long as the US was willing to say no if it

told the The Washington Post. the US could take advantage

Admiral Crowe's position contrasts starkly with that of the White House and the Pentagon, which argue that limiting US naval strength would jeopardize the security of far-flung allies. At the Maka summit in

December, President Bush refused to discuss either naval arms constraints in general or President Gorbachov's specific proposal that the superpowers should eliminate tactical nuclear weapons from their ships.

However, that proposal has clearly sparked a public Admiral Crowe suggested

of Soviet anxiety about its overwhelming naval superiority to extract big concessions on strategic arms disputes. Banning tactical nuclear weapons at sea should particularly interest the US because it would protect American aircraft carriers.

Admiral Crowe argued forcefully for increased military spending by the Reagan Administrations, but said he was now convinced that the Soviet military threat had diminished. US naval cuts were likely anyway, so it would be better to get something in exchange from the

Japan set to lift sanctions

Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Japa-nese Prime Minister, will tell West European leaders he meets during his visit this week that Japan is ready to lift posed on China after the

Mr Kaifa, who will speak in Berlin today of Tokyo's new diplomatic vision, is eager to lift the freeze on aid to China and end the diplomatic chill that has affected Tokyo as well as Peking.

Tiananmen Square massacre

Of the leading industrial powers, Japan responded most slowly and most mildly to slowly and most mildly to ional Security Adviser, to China, suspended after the China's brutal suppression of Peking last year, has left June crackdown, and credits student protesters. It followed

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo its Western allies in freezing aid, but it now fears that ties

Japan feels that China has suffered enough, and Mr Kaifu will be trying to explain to Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, and other European leaders his motives for rapprochement.

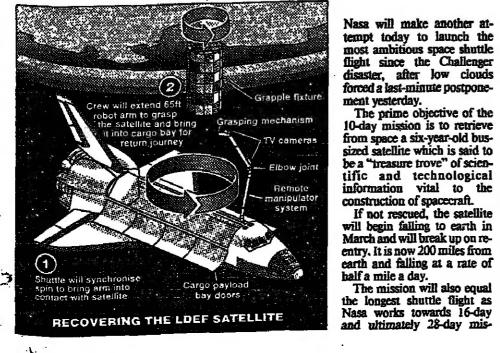
Japanese officials fear that China's economy is in danger. But it also fears that Washington's more conciliatory attitade towards China, high-lighted by the visits of Mr Brent Scowcroft, the US Nat-

from China for adhering to the with China will shrivel com-According to a report in the pletely if dealings are not

Mainichi Shimbun, a leading Japanese daily, Tokyo will resome talks soon on a six-year loan to China of 810 billion yen (£3.2 billion).

The newspaper quoted Mr Kaifn as telling government officials: "If the sanctions continue beyond this point and China becomes isolated, this may bring about instability." • PEKING: A Chinese central-bank official said yes-terday the World Bank was studying resuming loans to China, suspended after the Japan exposed to criticism could be restored soon.

Shuttle mission to retrieve satellite is delayed From Martin Fletcher, Washington



Nasa will make another at- sions that would greatly extempt today to launch the most ambitious space shuttle flight since the Challenger disaster, after low clouds forced a last-minute postpone-

ment yesterday. The prime objective of the Space Centre in Florida. 10-day mission is to retrieve from space a six-year-old bussized satellite which is said to be a "treasure trove" of scientific and technological 524,000 gallons of liquid information vital to the

construction of spacecraft. If not rescued, the satellite will begin failing to earth in March and will break up on reentry. It is now 200 miles from earth and falling at a rate of half a mile a day.

The mission will also equal

pand the shuttle's usefulness. The launch was originally scheduled for December 18, but was postponed three times due to delays in overhauling the launch pad at the Kennedy The five-man crew in the

shuttle Columbia were within six minutes of blasting off early yesterday morning, and hydrogen and oxygen had been pumped into its tanks, before the launch was aborted. On the second day of the

mission, Columbia will put a US Navy communications satellite into orbit, and on the fourth day, using a 65-foot mechanical arm, it will attempt to seize the failing 30foot-long satellite and haul it into its cargo bay. The sat-

ellite, known as the Long flight director at the Johnson Duration Exposure Facility, which weighs more than 10 landing weight to 229,500lb, 10.000 lb more than for any previous landing. The satellite was put into

orbit in April 1984, packed with 57 experiments and designed to test the performance of various materials when exposed to radiation and extreme temperatures. It was due to be retrieved

after a year, but was stranded by shuttle flight scheduling problems and the 1986 Challenger disaster. "We just can't place too much importance on this flight. That vehicle is invalu-

Space Centre in Houston. said. Scientists believe data tons, will push up the shuttle's from the satellite will be crucial in designing NASA's \$32 billion (£20 billion) space station, Freedom. "We could go to space for five days at a time ad in-

finitum and it's not going to get us to Mars and it's not going to get us to the Moon and it's not going to get us a permanently-manned space station," Miss Marsha Ivins, one of the crew, said. • PARIS: The launch of a West European Ariane rocket

carrying an observation satellite has been postponed indefinitely because of a fault in the commercial Spot-2 probe, used to register photographic able because it's chock full of every material we use on space images of the Earth's surface, flight," Mr Al Pennington, a

Ceausescu diehards rally to standard of feckless playboy

"Kill the traitors! Fight for your homeland!" read the Securitate leaflets dropped from the low, red Transylvanian gables of Sibiu. But most were trampled into the slush by the morning. There was gunfire too, just audible above the band at the Imparatul Romanilor

How many Securitate men are at

Nobody in the revolutionary leadership is certain, but it is plain that Sibiu is where they are staging a last, bitter fight. In Bucharest, there are nervous shots at midnight; in Sibiu, once the provincial seat of Nicu Ceausescu, son of the dictator, there is still organized, if thinly

Securitate snipers have crippled night life and, according to some reports, they have seized people who have "collaborated" with the local revolutionary administration.

The Army estimates that about 300 died in the Sibiu uprising and another 300 were injured. Colonel Victor Neglinu, of the infantry school, says that the arrested Securitate men were taken to his barracks and confined in an emptied swimming pool. "They were

easier to grand that way," he said. "Now Ceauseacu clan, all distant relatives, are they will face military tribunals and be given the appropriate sentences."

The Securitate have been grouping around Sibin because of Nicu Ceausescu. When his father decided to give him political experience, he was first made chief of the Young Communist League, then promoted to First Secretary of Sibiu, a fortified Transylvanian

The Securitate units were strengthened, both as a bodyguard for the "crown prince", and as a command centre lest

 Officials fear that desperate agents will shoot their way in to try to rescue Nicu

the Hungarian and German minorities of Transylvania got out of hand. Nicu, the most feckless of the clan, is now a rallying point for the Securitate resis-tance. He was stabbed shortly after his arrest and is now under guard in the Bucharest military hospital It is feared that Securitate agents will

shoot their way in and rescue the wounded playboy. Only five of the

Nicu Ceausescu's arrest was wholly in character: an elegant woman in a fur coat was stopped on the way to Bucharest's domestic airport. There was a gust of Chanel No 5 as she opened her wind The man on the back seat, but pulled over his face, was her lover, she told the soldiers; nobody important. But Nicu was recognized and roughly seized. Nicu preferred the metropolitan plea-

sures of Bucharest to Sibiu - which poasts only two acceptable restaurants but he made himself comfortable. His former office is now full of slightly blase boys with automatic rifles. It is the only place in town that did not

have a portrait of his father. Instead, in the drawers, there is the boyish clutter of a man of 39 who never grew up: football pennants, a girl's pants, a collapsible kung-fu stick favoured by Bruce Lee. His Sibin villa is more revealing. There is a separate guest house for his girlfriends from Bucharest. Roaming the gardens are Alsatian dogs that used to be fed with Sibiu-salami, a Romanian delicacy almost unobtainable in the shops. There is also a swimming pool,

watch international sports programmes

on Sky - a library of videos and a cellar

the video recorder has been removed (they fetch 15,000 lei on the Sibiu black market - \$2,000 at the official rate of exchange), but there has been surprisingly little looting.

The army commander smokes a Kent cigarette but continues to keep a finger on his trigger as I plough through the cupboards. Silk pyjamas, dozens of hats — Nicu's hairline is receding — leather boots, and German hunting rifles.

The furnishing, in common with all the Ceansescu villas, is not so much bad taste, as no-taste. Plainly, the Ceansescus simply gave their estate managers broad guidelines and the banker consistent different and the banker consistent different particular and the banker consistent different particular di ines and the hapless courtiers did what they could.

Various "huxury furnishing" com-panies in Austria and elsewhere were contacted by telex and lorries brought the supplies. If the result was a bit heavy on mahogany cupboards, velvet arm-chairs, chintz curtains and ornamental chandeliers, nobody seemed to object. It was the most expensive available, and therefore the best.

The personal touches, such as Elena's golden bathroom taps and Nicu's bedroom refinements, are obvious.

Nicu is an unlikely hero, even for the most dedicated of fugitive Securitate men. The memoirs of Romania's foreign

spy chief, General Ion Pacepu, now serialized in the press, depicted him as a pampered child intent on instant

He poured whisky down the face of Mr Stefan Andrei, the former Foreign Minister, and cruised around town whether Bucharest or Sibiu - picking up girls who did not dare to refuse. He took bribes (including some from the Orthodox Church hierarchy) as a matter of

Is the Securitate really fighting to the death for this man? It is probably not as

 Nicu is remembered as a spoiled child who demanded instant gratification 9

simple as that. There were perhaps 20,000 full-time Securitate officers, a practical suitable of 1,000, an antiterrorist unit of 1,000 and up to 500,000 informers. There were factory units and Securitate men in the Army; it had seeped into every institution.

Only a few of these officers appear to be fanatical enough to fight on in the name of the Ceanseson family. But it

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The new leadership is consolidating fast in Bucharest but the threads that link it to the provinces are thin indeed. In places such as Sibiu, the sudden conversion of the Communist Party to the cause of the revolution looks less credible than in Bucharest, if only because it is less subject to control.

Only the Army is trusted absolutely. The people bring bread and wine to the tanks parked in Sibiu's main square for the heroic drivers. "The Army will not return to barracks until the last terrorist is arrested," a general said last week.

That gives the Army almost carte blanche. It is the Army, after all, which defines how many Securitate men are at large. It is said that Army counterintelligence officers want the campaign against the Securitate to be eased. That would allow them to flush out sympathizers with the fugitive agents. As soon as Securitate men start printing leaflets, as in Sibiu, it should be possible to expose whole networks of opposition.

The gunfire rattles on sporadically throughout the night. And the tune blasting out of the Sibiu hotel is an old Janis Joplin number, with the lines "Freedom is just another word for nothing left to lose".

Hearings to be televised

Securitate agents put on public trial abandoned as

ernment yesterday began putting on public trial members of the pro-Ceausescu Securitate forces who violently opposed last month's revolution in which the dictator was overthrown.

A senior member of the ruling National Salvation Front announced that hearings had started at special tribunals in the south Transylvanian city of Sibiu. Sibiu was a stroughold of Nicolae Ceausescu's favoured son Nicu, who is due to face trial once investigations into his past are complete.

In keeping with the central role the media played in the revolution, these hearings before panels of three military officers and two civilian judges - will be televised and open to the local and foreign press. Hundreds of people accused of being Securitate agents are expected to face trial but no official estimate of the number captured has been

The announcement of the trials was made by Mr Aurel Munteanu, head of Romanian television and radio, who fielded strong criticism of the Pope's special envoy to Eastalleged political role being National Salvation Front when he gave the first weekly press briefing on the progress of the revolution.

At one stage, his voice strained by fatigue, Mr Munteann angrily dismissed claims by some of the seven new political parties here that the front was seeking to bolster its position in elections which he reaffirmed would take place in April. Some politicians have been urging

temporary administration has launched the trials of its opponents has impressed foreign diplomats. Front leaders are believed anxious to avoid a recurrence of the allegations of summary justice that greeted the trial and execution of the Ceausescus.

Mr Munteanu emphasized that, since their executions.

The interim Romanian Gov- the death penalty had been penalty facing those before the imprisonment. Each accused would be allowed to pick a lawyer and be provided with legal representation if unable to find someone willing to take on the case.

> Referring to the Securitate men as "terrorists", Mr Munteanu became flustered at his inability to say how many had been detained. Initial estimates of arrests - like those of deaths, first put at 60,000 and now thought to number closer to 7,000 - are expected to prove too high. Many of the men facing trial will be accused of having shot civilians in cold blood but

Vatican pledge pressed during four decades of edou of worship, Ansa, the Italian news agency, reported yesterday. It said Archbishop Francesco Colesnouno, the ern Europe, received the pledge from Mr Dumitru Mazilu, the Foreign Minister

forward the defence that they were only obeying orders from the legitimate Government, It is unclear whether the tribunals will also try corrupt Communist Party officials.

in Romania's interim

The decree legalizing the new tribunais was accompanied by another establishing a form of local and region government throughout Romania in advance of the poll to choose a national government

Hostility at the press conference was symptomatic of the growing distrust expressed by Romanians at the activities of the from, which is accused of harbouring too many former Communists.

Mr Munteann dismissed

suggestions that the front - a loose grouping of former Communists, writers and military men - was denying newly formed parties acce still playing a central part in the revolutionary process.

"The front is not a political is a moral and legal platform. We are not a political party."
The force of his denials did not mollify Romanian reporters at the conference who have been angered at the front's decision to stand in the

Mr Munteanu, as inexperienced as any of his new colleagues at handling question-and-enswer sessions with the world's press, expressed frustration at the criticism of the front's performance by students and politicians.
"They are complaining at us after only two weeks when there was 45 years of waiting," he said, adding that the country's temporary rulers had inherited a society whose framework had been destroyed.

Independent observers believe that the front has invited the growing wave of criticism by insisting on fighting the election in its own right rather than having its members join the new parties. Its critics claim the front is unrepresentative.

One Romanian journalist challenged Mr Munteann to explain where he and other members of the ruling body were during the heaviest fight-ing in Bucharest on December 21 and 22. He also accused the front of "exporting Romanian children" by allowing the foreign adoption of orphans to

The ill-tempered briefing was the clearest public indication yet of how quickly the tmosphere has soured since the heady days of Ceausescu's downfall. This deterioration is likely to continue until the new elections which, it is hoped, will remove suspicions that power is being usurped by Communist sympathizers.



Ruins of revolution: Romanians, dwarfed by the shell of the national library, loading their furniture on to a lorry as they leave homes destroyed by the recent fighting in Bucharest.

Elena's mother dictators fled

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

While the dragnet continues the old administration. For for those few members of the that reason, many of the hated Ceausescu clan still unaccounted for, the eldest survivor lies in the intensive care unit of a Bucharest hospital still apparently un-aware that last month's revolution took place.

Yesterday I was one of the few foreign journalists permitted to visit Mrs Elena Petrescu, aged 102, the mother of Elena Ceausescu, Romania's former first lady, who was widely regarded as the evil her husband's most savage

Mrs Paula Stan, a senior nurse at the city's Emergency Hospital, said: "We have told her that her daughter has been executed and that there has een a revolution, but frankly, am not sure she was able to take any of it in. She is senile and has now fallen into a coma as you can see. We expect her to die at any time." Mrs Petrescu, the wife of an

nnkeeper, was found in her escape the fury of the people. "It was typical of them that she had been completely abandoned without a nurse or anybody. Even vital medical equipment she needed was not functioning," Mrs Stan said. When the revolutionary

forces discovered the old woman alone in the deserted residence, a doctor was dispatched and she was driven to the hospital in an ambulance. She now lies in a bed close to wards where some of the civilians most grotesquely wounded by Ceausescu's

Securitate gunmen are recovering. A soldier with an AK-47 assault rifle sits on guard. The Romanian authorities. apparently taken aback by foreign criticism of the brutal fashion in which the Ceausescus were dispatched, are Petrescu is being treated hu-

manely despite the deep loath-

ing felt for her by most of the 23 million Romanians. "We are treating her just like any other patient and doing our best to keep her alive for as long as possible. Radu Barateanu, a hospital official, said. "She would soon have died in the dictator's residence if we had not found

her and brought her here." For those who have not visited Romania since last month's uprising, it is hard to imagine the depth of the revulsion felt by the people for

not been told Mrs Petrescu's The feeling against her daughter, likened in the Western media to a witch-like cross between Lady Macbeth and Lucrezia Borgia is everywhere

patients in the hospital have

scrawled on the walls of postrevolutionary Bucharest. Many of the slogans say "Down with the illiterate", a reference to the claim that driving force behind some of despite her string of titles, she never completed her second-It is impossible to find a

single Romanian not delighted at her execution. Many love now to refer to her dismissively as "Leana" in mockery of her peasant origins. Her father is described as per who ended up a drunkard like Nice, her favourite son, one of those clan members now awaiting trial.

"Because Mrs Petrescu is so bed in the Ceausescu's opulent old and near to death, we do residence after her daughter not need to give her any and son-in-law fied in a heli-special protection," Mrs Stan **Said. Nodogy in the hospital** was prepared to discuss where



Mrs Petrescu: Unaware of her daughter's execution. she would be buried when she

eventually dies. As the daily disclosures about the Ceausescus' affluent anxious to show that Mrs and corrupt lifestyle have continued to fill the newly liberated Romanian media (queues for the daily papers in sub-zero temperatures far out- 🥬 stretch those for scarce food resources) Elena Ceausescu has emerged as even more evil

than her husband. But as anyone can see, she is a The latest edition of the very old and sick woman," Mr Romanian News, a weekly, mocked her crueily as a "careful and sweet mother" before disclosing that she salted away hundreds of thousands of pounds in special bank accounts for her three children Valentin, Zoe and Nicu, whom she was grooming for

"The fact she was a woman

Hungary urges three-way group to modernize Comecon

proposed the establishment of longer capable of serving eia three-way grouping with ther the development of its decisions for many of reasons, the rational course of

Poland and Czechoslovakia as member states or the intethe first step to modernizing the Eastern bloc common market, Comecon.

Mr Peter Medgyessy, Hungary's Vice-Premier, said in an interview yesterday there was nothing to be gained from the total abolition of Comecon. but the present organization

Blaming the Soviet Union

gration of the Central and East European region. The system was dominated by the Soviet Union because of her political and economic power.

Soviet officials agreed that parts of Comecon are obsolete and needed radical changes but said the Soviet Union was against disbanding the pact.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov,

Vienna (AFP) - Hungary has Medgyessy said it was no man, blamed poor im- geographical, economic, and bureaucratic plan coplementation of good developmental and political ordination, he added.

> "There is no dynamism, there is no sign of improvement in the trade structure, there is no technological progress," he said at a briefing on the eve of the Comecon heads of government summit in Sofia. "And so we believe there must be radical mea-

action seemed to be to form a Polish-Czechoslovak-Hungarian integration unit as the first step towards a new co-The "myth of brotherhood"

built on raw material and Soviet Union and exports of the manufacturing industry slovakia would propose the sures to restructure the mechanism of co-operation." and agricultural products in abolition of all agreements exchange was parallel to concerning exchange rates Mr Medgyessy said that for applying a rigid quota system within Comecon and would have any chance of survival."

This had paralysed competition and put dampers on technical and technological

development

Mr Vaclav Klaus, the Czechoslovakian Finance Minister, said last week there was no reason for Comecon to

He said that Czecho-

demands were refused. Mr Marcin Swiecicki, the Polish Foreign Trade Min-ister, said on Friday that the

quit the organization if its

organization should be replaced by a less rigid set-up. Mr Aurel Munteanu, a

spokesman for Romania's ruling National Salvation Front, told a news conference that Comecon "has never func-tioned properly, and it is not functioning properly now, either". It has to change if it is to

the Ceausescu clan, some 40 makes her cruelty even worse members of which were given and harder to bear," explained various jobs and sinecures in one Bucharest student.

Reformed East bloc states race to improve relations with Israel From Richard Owen Jerusalem

After years of being shunned inter-nationally for its handling of Arab unrest basking in the glow of what officials here call "enhanced legitimacy" as delegations from the newly democratized countries of Eastern Europe attempt to improve or restore ties.

"Attitudes to Israel have become an

indicator of how far the new East European governments have moved from the discredited old regimes," Dr Yossi Olmert, director of the Government Press Office, said yesterday. "Look at Czechoslovakia: one of

President Havel's first statements talked

of improving links with both Israel and

the Vatican. Change in Eastern Europe is the best news Israel has had for a long time. We are no longer isolated."
Yesterday a high-level Czechoslovak
delegation arrived in Israel for talks on resuming ties which - as in the case of all Soviet bloc countries except Romania -



Mr Gyula Hora: In Israel preparing way for a visit by his Prime Minister. were broken off during the Six Day War

Mr Gyula Horn, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, is in Israel following the resumption of Israeli-Hungarian relations last September, and is to be

followed next month by Mr Miklos Nemeth, the Hungarian Prime Minister. A 20-year period, during which the Soviet bloc shunned Israel and discriminated against its own Jewish population, appears to be ending. Ironically, Israel's uninterrupted ties with Romania under Nicolae Ceausescu are now an embarrassment. Like Jewish leaders inside Romania, they defend the links by saying they provided a useful channel to Moscow and saved Romanian Jews

from even worse repressions. Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, caused deep resentment in Poland recently by stating that Poles "suck in anti-Semitism with their mothers' milk". Challenged yesterday by a journalist from Solidarity, Mr Shamir -who was born in Poland and lost almost all his close relatives in the Holocaust only partially retracted his remark by saying that "perhaps not all Poles" were anti-Semitic.

Most Israelis remain to be convinced that anti-Semitism has been eradicated

in Eastern and Central Europe and are very wary of German reunification. None the less, Poland and East

Germany have expressed a willingness to restore ties with Israel, and the East Germans, for the first time, have accepted responsibility for the Nazi past and offered to make reparations. The Israeli newspaper Al Hamishmar observed recently that East-West rapprochement and the democratization

of Eastern Europe were "bringing Israel closer into the circle of international relations ... the long years when Israel was identified as an American extension in the Middle East are gone". The East Europeans, their economies ruined by communist mismanagement,

are turning to Israel for expertise in agriculture - especially irrigation - and high technology, giving Israel a trade boost just when it sees its markets threatened by European integration in

Nor is the ending of Israeli isolation confined to Eastern Europe. Several African countries have restored links, led by Ethiopia, and ties with both Japan and China are markedly warmer. The big prize for Israel is still clusive,

wever, the restoration of links with the Soviet Union itself. Moscow no longer sides automatically with pro-Arab forces in the United Nations. In October it abstained for the first time in the annual

vote on ejecting Israel from the UN. Israel and the Soviet Union have established consular missions, and liberalization under President Gorbachov has led to an exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel, Last year about 13,000 Soviet Jews arrived, six times as many as in 1988, and, despite the huge strain on housing and jobs, officials welcome the continuing influx at a rate of several

Partly because of new US restrictions on immigration, Israel is bracing itself to absorb at least 100,000 Soviet Jews over the next three years. Soviet tourists, many of them Jewish, are also coming in large numbers and Aeroflot, the Soviet

airline, is resuming direct flights. Israel hopes that these new trends will lead to duced support in Eastern Europe for the Palestine Liberation Organization, which Israeli officials say has received arms and training in "pre-revolutionary" communist East Germany and

Czechoslovakia But the Soviet position remains that Moscow will not take the final step of restoring diplomatic ties until the Palestinian question is settled through direct Israeli-PLO talks leading to an international peace conference that gives Palestinians "legitimate rights" in a state of their own.

The full impact of the new East-West relationship on the Middle East is thus unclear. Some diplomats believe it will make Israel even less susceptible to outside pressure than before - Mr Shamir takes this line - while newspapers such as Al Hamishmar say BEWfound acceptability in Eastern Europe should bring "both a relief and a responsibility for Israel".

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THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

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hanned from Baku, the Azer-While an Iranian foreign

baijan capital, because they

would become "an additional

factor of tension" during the

present bout of unrest in the Republic, Mr Gennadi

Gerasimov, the Soviet For-

eign Ministry spokesman, said

Mr Gerasimov has so far

feit unable to give any official

Kremlin explanation for re-

cent events in Azerbaijan or

on Iranian reaction to the

demonstrations along its bor-

der with the Soviet Republic.

At a briefing yesterday, he

said that journalists going to the area "would simply be torn apart by the different

groups claiming to have the absolute truth."

Since Azerbaijanis in the

Nakhichevan region began tearing down border installa-

tions and barbed wire along

the southern frontier with Iran

on New Year's Day, Moscow

has been unable to make an

will today take their first step

towards patching up an

acrimonious dispute which caused the cancellation of

Two senior British officials

are to hold two days of talks

with Soviet counterparts and

will subsequently meet Jewish

refuseniks. But the talks will

be on a much smaller scale

than was originally intended.

been holding regular human

rights meetings since 1988 and

had planned to expand them

in September to include non-

governmental experts. It was

proposed by Moscow to build

confidence, but backfired and

had the opposite effect

because Moscow refused to

grant a visa to a key member

Reverend Michael Bourd- and none objected.

The two countries have

Several times

Foreign journalists have been his office has nothing more to

From Nick Worrall, Mosco

Azerbaijan capital

are barred from

ministry delegation was in Moscow yesterday the Iranian news agency Irna was reporting that some 300 Soviet Moslems had braved freezing temperatures to stage a demonstation of Islamic solidarity with their Iranian kinsfolk along the Aras River which forms part of the frontier.

It was the second such demonstration reported by Irna who said that Soviet border guards had watched the demonstration but had not intervened. Mr Gerasimov indicated in his briefing that these events would be discussed between the Iranian and Soviet sides in Moscow. Meanwhile, in advance of Mr Gorbachov's scheduled

visit to Lithuania tomorrow to talk to breakaway local communists, a Soviet Communist Party delegation left Moscow yesterday for the capital Vil-Mr nius. Both the advance party Gerasimov has indicated that and the Soviet leader will have papers and television and that can pronounce on the Lithua- the Finance Minister.

UK olive branch to Moscow

over talks on human rights

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

Britain and the Soviet Union that he is persona non grata in Soviet counterparts that the

the Soviet Union, A senior

Soviet official has hinted that

one of the objections to him

was that he wrote an article in

Catholic Cathedral in Vilnius,

Lithuania, at which he was the

His rejection by Moscow

cast a cloud over attempts to

improve the Anglo-Soviet

relationship after an earlier

setback in May, when Britain

expelled 11 Soviet diplomats

and journalists for "incompat-

In offering to reopen the talks, Britain has offered Mos-

cow an olive branch. Before

doing so, Mr William Walde-

grave, Minister of State at the

But they will not be in-

only official foreign guest.

important human rights talks The Times in February about in Moscow in September. the reconsecration of the

nian Communists' decision to breakaway from Moscow. It is believed that the

Lithuanians, led by Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, their first secretary of the party, will not consider changing course.

Interviewed by the Radio Moscow Interfax agency, Mr Alexander Yakovlev, the influential Politburo member, said he thought the Lithua-nians had failed to take into account the possibility of a "domino effect" their withdrawal might have on the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

• ANKARA: Mr Ayaz Mutalibov, the Prime Min-ister of Azerbaijan, said yes-terday that his republic wanted to expand relations with neighbouring Turkey (Reuter reports). Mr Mutalibov said on ar-

rival in Ankara: "We have great resources, we must improve our trade volume." He said that he wanted an

air link between Turkey and Baku. He was expected to sign an economic and trade protothese events are being re- to report back to the party's col and meet President Ozal ported by the Soviet news-central committee so that it and Mr Ekrem Pakdemirli,

original plans for expanded talks still depend on the

dispute over Mr Bourdeaux

being resolved. One possibil-

ity is that the talks could be

In an interview with The

Times, Mr Bourdeaux denied

Soviet claims that he had

broken the terms of his visa

when he attended the re-

consecration. Mr Yuri Resbe-

tov, a Soviet human rights

official, said in a letter to New

Times, a Soviet newspaper,

that Mr Bourdeaux went to

Vilnius on a tourist visa and

"passed himself off as a

Mr Bourdeaux replied that

One irony is that the row

the British Government for

correspondent of The Times".

his visa showed he was a guest

and that one of his co-hosts

publicize the event.

held in Britain.

Bulgarians try to ease ethnic tension

From Michael Hornsby, Sofia

Fran Ingrid Köppe and Herr Rolf Hennich of New Forum walking out of yesterday's round table talks in East Berlin after a row over the security service.

New Forum votes with its feet at Berlin talks

Party officials, Muslim leaders and other national and local groups began here yesterday aimed at easing ethnic ten-sions after a week of nationalist agitation against restoration of religious and cultural rights to Bulgaria's mainly Turkish Muslim minority.

anti-Muslim strikes and dembetter chance of success, and only a few hundred determined protesters were still outside the National Assembly building in the capital

The Bulgarian and Turkish foreign ministers, meanwhile, are meeting in Kuwait today to discuss the situation. Mr Andrei Lukanov, a se-

nior Bulgarian Politburo member, said his country wanted a "constructive and harmonious relationship" with Turkey, but warned the Ankara Government not to attempt to exploit ethnic friction or do anything that threatened Bulgaria's "territorial integrity". Yesterday's meeting agreed

Talks between Communist an agenda for the talks on the ethnic problem which are expected to continue throughout the week.

The unrest in Bulgaria was caused by the decision of the Communist Party on December 29 to restore cultural and religious rights to the country's 1.5 million Muslims. The Nationalist groups called off . total population is nearly nine million. This involved, in paronstrations to give the talks a ticular, the repeal of the previous policy of forcing the Turkish minority to adopt Slav names which began in the mid-1980s under the leadership of Mr Todor Zhivkov, who was ousted late last year. The persecution of the Turkish community (there were reports of torture and imprisonment) drew inter-national condemnation and

led to serious friction with the Turkish Government. Mr Zhivkov was replaced by Mr Petur Mladenov, forrly the country's Foreign Minister, who has pursued a policy of gradual liberalization. Government sources

restore Muslim rights, but situation in Bulgaria yesefforts would be made to

Western diplomats said that most of the Communist Party leadership, as well as opposition civil rights and trade



Mr Atanassov: "Decision is a pillar for reconciliation." ·

union groups, supported the restoration of Muslim rights. Todorov, the parliamentary Resistance appeared to be Speaker, for the convening of than a token number of refucoming mainly from regional a national forum for the gees, Ankara was forced to leaders loyal to Mr Zhivkov. debate of minority questions, reintroduce a visa requiresaid yesterday that there was • ANKARA: The Govern- also received press attention ment for the immigrants no question of going back on ment here maintained a alongside similar calls by and Sofia was trying to per-

terday, apparently based on the Turkish Foreign Ministry the firm stand of the authorities in Sofia in the face of the nationalist demonstrations (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

Yesterday Turkish officials avoided comment on the weekend demonstrations in Sofia and other Bulgarian towns in order not to compromise the chances of a regime" breakthrough at the foreign ministers' talks in Kuwait.

The Turkish media, meanwhile, focused on the calls issued by the post-Zhivkov Bulgarian leaders to the demonstrators for conciliation and understanding. The reports quoted Mr Gyorgy Atanassov, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, as defending the decision to end the forced assimilation of the ethnic Turks as an important pillar for national

The call by Mr Stanko

expressed Ankara's trust "that they (the Bulgarian authorities) are doing their best to contain the ethnic unrest" And, before he left for

Kuwait, Mr Mesut Yilmaz, the Foreign Minister, blamed "the remnants of the old demonstrations.

Ironically, the positions of the sides have reversed less than six months after the issue came to a head with the mass exodus of ethnic Turks from Bulgaria.

Ankara at first claimed that it could assimilate all the 1.5 million ethnic Turks in Bulgaria if necessary, while Sofia, at the cost of accute labour shortages and embarrassing international reaction, encouraged their exodus.

In the end, with no means to the December 29 decision to guarded optimism on the other officials for "calm and suade them to stay.

Budapest Government scandal

Foreign Office, consulted all was the Bishop of Vilnius. He

the non-government experts wrote the article in response to

who were to have taken part, a request by his hosts to

volved in the Moscow talks, has overshadowed praise by

Bugging inquiry call backed

From Ernest Beck, Badapest

ing together.

vath promised.

open an investigation into Hungary's "Danubegate" scandal, in which the State Security Service of the Interior Ministry is accused of gathering information on the activities and election plans of opposition parties.

The office of the Chief Military Prosecutor said that documents made public last week by two opposition parties, indicating that telephones had been tapped and personal post tampered with, were authentic and warranted a full

The decision sets the stage for potentially embarrassing revelations about the ministry, which could shake pubhe confidence in the Government of Mr Miklos Nemeth, who has been trying to estab-lish its credentials as an independent and competent

Much of the controversy, which has been referred to as Hungary's Watergate, revolves around Mr Istvan Horvath, the Interior Minister, who admitted yesterday that the bugging may have carried out by what he called "remnants" of the old regime. party leaders were up to.

Mr Horvath, in an inter-Low-price era ends for Hungarians

From Ernest Beck

Budapest

Hungarian shoppers, long

accustomed to well-stocked

Ministry was neutral and did ing and surveillance, inclunot deal with the control of the ding transcripts of phone local parties "it seems that conversations. One was bethere are some nooks and tween a member of the Free crannies where you still may Democrats and an East Gerfind old reflexes because you cannot change such methods

so easily after decades". Although Mr Horvath has denied any personal know-

Mr Douglas Hurd, the For-eign Secretary, said last night that the West should respond generously to change in Eastern Europe, but should insist on cost-effectiveness in the way aid is used (Andrew McEwen writes). He and Mr do not prove that there has William Waldegrave, Minister of State, are to visit East less, the minister ordered that etries to discuss aid needs. Mr Hard is to visit frozen to prevent tampering East Berlin and possibly Leip- or destruction and that an zig from January 22 to 24.

ledge of the activities and has refused demands to step down by the two parties involved, the Alliance of Free Democrats and the League of Young Democrats, the statement seems to support claims that some people in the ministry kept careful track of what

Copies of documents said to considered by Parliament only civil rights.

A military prosecutor yes-terday announced that there newspaper Nepszabadsag, security office source pre-was sufficient evidence to said that although the Interior sented details of the monitor-

Hungarians of the not-toodistant past when censorship and monitoring of private citizens by the communist regime was rife, and dis-sidents, many of whom are man journalist, but when asked about this Mr Horvath now prominent members of said obliquely that "a teleopposition parties, faced phone has two ends", implying that the bugging was carried out by the East Gerpolitical beliefs and links with mans. He refused to comment on charges that the two sec-

It also shows the difficulties involved in converting a oneurity services might be workparty state to a multi-party democracy when sensitive Mr Horvath says he does posts such as the Interior not doubt the origin of the documents, but believes they Minister are still in the hands of the Socialist Party, formerly the Communist Party, until free elections scheduled for been any illegal act. None the March, take place. all files relating to the case be

Since the scandal broke, Mr Horvath, a member of the Socialist Party, has accused internal ministerial inquiry be the two opposition parties of targetting his ministry as part set up. "We will reveal the facts of the case and punish of a "well-planned scenario". and of exploiting the bad those responsible," Mr Horpublicity as an election tactic.

Lawyers for the opposition Mr Nemeth and the Socialparties say that such surveilist Party have been quick to lance is a a criminal act under disassociate themselves from the scandal. Both say they Hungary's new Constitution, but that detailed legislation disapprove of any unlawful about control of internal sec- acts which infringed on urity operations will be constitutionally guaranteed

known as the most proc favour of change.

have left the party of 1.6 million members since antigovernment protests began last November and eventually demonstrations.

economy. But despite harassment by the party for his views Mr Komarek remained a party nember for over 40 years and continued to bring pressure for

Mr Dlouhy, a Deputy Prime Minister, resigned from the narty on December 29, and has cast his lot with the opposition, whose leader is President Havel.

East Germans find a dark side to affluence over Wall

From Anne McElvoy, West Berlin

definition of the word un- lin authorities, already grip- seems to limp from one fortunate. It is the man who ped by a severe housing confrontation to another," he emigrates to West Berlin look-problem, have been trying to said, looking at the sea of ing for a better life and ends up evict squatters from the area broken bottles on the Heinliving in Kreuzberg.

The most neglected of West-Berlin's inner-city districts is ammed up against the Berlin Wall and consists largely of the unrestored slum housing of the last century, built around tiny, dark and often badly sanitized courtyards.

The population is made up of unemployed West Berliners, Turkish immigrants and the more extreme manifestations of the left-wing Berlin scene, plotting the overthrow of capitalism. This explosive mixture,

coupled with a high proportion of illegal squatters, has resulted in violent riots every year and a general record of tension and poor relations with the police.

Since the flood of East Berliners to the West began lives up to the propaganda he last in Kreuzberg.

to provide accommodation for East German families. East Germans have been told for years by the socialist media of the riots and social disadvantages of Kreuzberg as a handy demonstration of the

The result of the attempt to clear squatters has been fighting and looting. On New Year's Eve, 50 demonstrators threw petrol bombs, bars and bricks from the roofs at the police. Several shops were plundered - a weekend tra-

evils of capitalism.

dition in Kreuzberg. Herr Hans Hoffmann, who moved to Kreuzberg from the district of Prenzlauer Berg a few hundred metres away across the Wall, says that Kreuzberg is the only aspect of

In East Berlin there is a new last September the West Ber- read in the East. "Kreuzberg richplatz, the aftermath of another Saturday night.

His Trabant car was sprayed last week with the me "No asylum here for the traitors of Marxism".

The Kreuzberg left-wing, mainly black-clad students who make the Militant Tendency look like wishy-washy liberals, despise East German immigrants because the newcomers aspire to the comfortable bourgeois lifestyle that they are trying to escape.

The blot on the city's affluent landscape may soon find itself back in the mainstream of Berlin life. Already, developers are buying property and the squatters are planning their defence. The pitched battles of New Year's Western life he has met which Eve look certain not to be the

ment, which remains com-

munist-controlled (elections

are planned for May 6), has

been linking the party to neo-

Nazi activity, although it says

there are only about 1,500

Republican supporters in the

entire country. The com-

Berlin ban on Republican

Herr Franz Schönhuber, leader of the radical right-wing Republican Party and a member of the European Parliament, was refused permission to enter East Germany yesterday.

He had tried to cross into East Berlin at Potsdamerplatz using the passport he holds as an MEP. After Herr Schönhuber had waited a long time. border guards told him he could not be admitted because of "fascist activities".

He denounced the decision as scandalous, adding that the given reason was absurd. He said it was nothing but proof of the worry of "a disintegrating state" confronted by the "real and, so far, the only anticommunist alternative - the Republican Party".

He said it showed a free vote was not yet possible in East Germany and called on



Herr Schönhuber: "Absurd" reason for refusal of entry the Bonn Government to note this warning sign and to help the Republicans to exercise

their democratic rights. Given the desire of East

Germany to join the European cists" and this remains the Community, he said it was ridiculous to deny an MEP permission to make an information-gathering trip.

munists clearly hope this publicity will improve their election chances since the communist party claims to be the most implacable opponent of fascism. Fascist parties are illegal in both East and West Germany: the Republicans have so far been treated as no more than 'radical" in Bonn. Since they won seats on West Berlin city council a year ago and in last June's European elections, the East German authorities have

official line. Despite the ban on their activities, Republican leaflets have recently been distributed The East German Govern- in Leipzig and East Berlin.

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pork, a favourite with Hungar- increases, with inflation cur- deficit and institute market ians, jumped immediately by rently at about 20 per cent, are reforms. 46 per cent, bakery products by 20 per cent and dairy products by 40 per cent. Only white bread and low-fat milk

stores and ample supplies of tood, were confronted yeswill remain subsidized. terday with almost bare Housing costs are also due shelves in many markets and to rise substantially, with rents sharply higher prices for what on council flats increasing by they could find as government half cent and water and sewerage charges soaring by more than 300 per cent. Public transport and postal rates will

Government has agreed to firms and permitting 50,000 increase social welfare benefits people to be unemployed. It ultural producers and to pensioners and families follows years of promises to fixed food prices. Prices for with children but the price deflate the bloated budget

not expected to match the higher costs. Wages have kept pace with

prices despite efforts by the Government to avoid a wageprice spiral which some economists have warned could double inflation by the end of this year. This is the first time the

Hungarian Government has taken such harsh measures, including possibly the closure To soften the blow, the of some 50 hankrupt state

The economic austerity pro-

gramme was approved last month by Parliament in an effort to gain a \$1 billion (£610 million) loan from the International Monetary Fund and further aid credits from the European Community to help Hungary restructure and modernize its economy and service its large debt.

Opposition parties have welcomed the ending of price subsidies and supports but the National Council of Trade Unions has warned the Government against acting as an "all-powerful elite".

Communist resignation hits party

By John Holland

Communist influence in Czecheslovakie's new "entional consensus government" suffered a severe setback yesterday when Mr Valtr Komarek, the Government's chief economic adviser and First Deputy Prime Minister resigned from the party.

Mr Komarek gave no reason for his decision, which appeared to be a purely political move to escape the sinking fortunes of the Communists. who recently gave up their overwhelming majority in the Government and must now face their first free elections in

Mr Vladimir Dlouhy, another leading Communist economist, who worked with Mr Komarek, also resigned from the party, said Mr Josef Hora, the party spokesman.

Mr Komarek had hinted earlier he would leave earlier this year if the Communists failed to reform more quickly. His departure and that of Mr Diouhy leaves them with eight of the 21 posts in the Government.

Mr Komarek, aged 59, was reformer in the new leadership, and one of the country's most popular spokesmen in He is one of 130,000 who

toppled the leadership after several weeks of peaceful He was the long-time head of the national Economic Forecasting Institute, which was frequently critical of the adverse impact of commun central planning on the ailing

Investigations into House of Fraser 'nearly complete'

ing completion, Sir Pat- to this country, but had had also rick Mayhew, Attorney General, told the Commons at questions.

Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) had complained of extraordinary delay and asked whether Sir Patrick was con-cerned at the decision of the ublished report to the Mono-olies and Mergers Commis-on. That means that, if serious fraud were discovered, identi-fied or proved, there was nothing that the Attorney General or anyone else could do about the

tary of State for Trade and Industry, had told the House of Lords that he was very anxious indeed to publish the report. "I am certain that that is exactly true of his successor."

Investigations into the House of Fraser takeover, some of which have extended overseas, are near-

to this country, but had had also to take place overseas.

Mr Dennis Skiener (Bolsover, Lab) had asked earlier whether the Attorney General would discuss with the Serious Fraud Office the Ferranti case and the fact that the directors had allowed a £250 million "sting" to take place under their noses.

through a checkout with the result that a young mother and baby are in jail for six months?
"If he wants equality, he should take Judge Pickles off cases of young black women and babies and stick him on City cases and let him loose there."

delays in payments, and the circumstances in which aid is granted has led to a reduction in the number of solicitors now willing to undertake such cases, Mr Ivan Lawrence, QC (Burton, C), said at question time.

Sår Nichelas Lyell, Solicitor General, said that he was aware

of the concern. Considerable advances had been made in rates of remuneration. The Le-gal Aid Board was tackling

He said that the provision for all legal-aid expenditure in the £273,990,000 five years ago and f. 199, 150,000 ten years ago.

Mr John McFall (Dumbarton, Lab) said that poor people were discriminated against. The less money they had, the less chance they had of



Mrs Ann Chyrd (Labour) (left), Sir Russell Johnston (Lib Den) and Mr James Lester (Conservative) with Ms Mary Cherry, chairman of Oxfant, examining the charity's petition on Cambodia before presenting it to the Foreign Office yesterday. The petition, with 125,000 signatures, expresses concern at the Government's policy towards time in the Commons, nave agreement, said Minister for Overseas Development, said that the Government is to direct a forther £1 to agencies for their

proposals with Voluntary Service Oversea and it had been told that the Governmen would be happy to support voluntar programmes in Cambodia. Mrs. Chrys

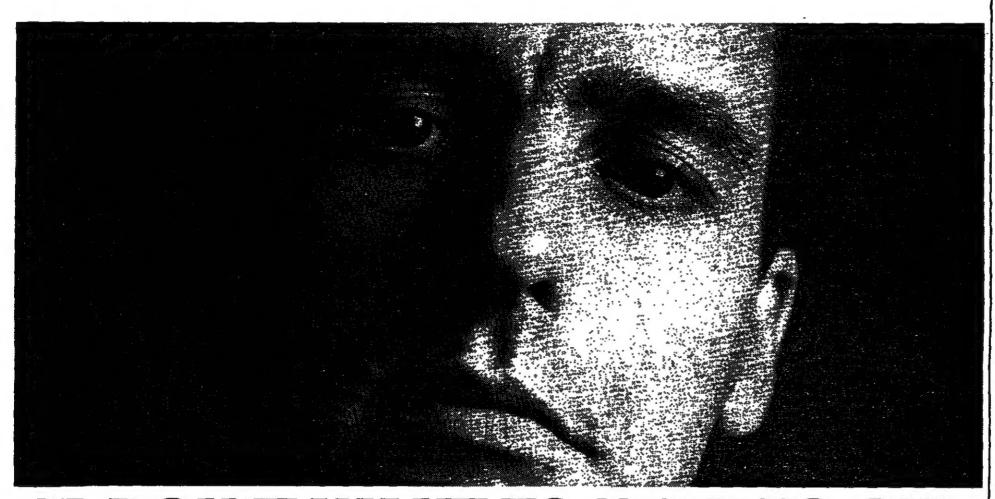
med forces, including the Khmer Rouge, hting against the Cambodian Govern-nt. Mrs Chalker said that the Govern-London, I am not in the camps in Cambodia and I camot say hand on heart that none of

Equality * Bill wins second reading

cess and gave a swift and uncopposed second reading to a Bill to amend the rules on public acrvice pensions to comply with service pensions to compl an EC directive on equal

Mr Richard Ryder, Economic Secretary to the Freakury, mov-ing the second reading of the visions) Bill, said that there was no need for an important change to present legislation, but minor changes could be made while meeting EC obligations on equal

second reading the Government Tracting Bill. Mr Newson Treasury, said that it is encourage civil servant



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Consumer Bill in danger from DTI

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

The first private member's Bill to be debated during this session may be wrecked by opposition from Department of Trade and

Private members' Bills are in any case extremely vulnerable to determined opposition by a small group, or even one, MP and only those winning the top six or seven places in the ballot stand a chance of getting enough time to be enacted.

Mr Martyn Jones, Labour MP for Clwyd South West, has introduced the Consumer Guarantees Bill to give consumers wider powers to demand repairs or replacements for faulty goods, after coming top of the ballot. Its second reading debate will be on January 26 will be on January 26.

But the department says that the Bill, largely drafted by the National Consumer Council, is

final view will be disclosed after Mr Jones publishes his formal Thursday, However, the department preferred legislation based on a reform of the Sale of Goods Act recommended by the Law Commission instead of the con-

sumer council's proposals.

Mr Jones has said the Bill would give consumers buying goods with a guarantee the right to a replacement or full repairs for up to 12 months if the product is found to be faulty.

A MODI and to be faulty. A MORI poll conducted for the council found that 96 per cent of people wanted their MP to support the Bill.

The prospects look brighter for the Computer Misuse Bill, introduced by Mr Michael Colvin, Conservative MP for Romsey and Waterside, who came third in the ballot, Based on the Law Commission. on the Law Commission's recommendations to penalize computer hackers, it has the full backing of the department and

backing of the department and all-party support.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has promised to support a Bill, which would make it a criminal offence to gain unauthorized entry into a compute £2,000 and up to six months' imprisonment. Those gaining unauthorized entry with intent to commit a serious crime or to alter data would face up to five years' imprisonment.

Mr Colvin said Britain was becoming a "hacker's paradise"

and was the only Western country not to have specific legislation on computer crime. Sir William Shelton, Conser-

varive MP for Streatham, has widened the scope of his Sexual Offences Bill to enable boys vative MP for Str

troduced by Dame Janet Fookes, which was found to be seriously flawed.

£1,000. In practice, he s After talks with the Home Office he has added a clause to

His main aim is to tighten the

remove the "presumption of incapacity", which prevents boys under 14 from being charged with rape. The second reading debate will be on Febwent to Mr Michael Maten. Conservative MP for Hamp shire East, who has introduced a Bill to make certain outstanding

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commercial debts hable to incommercial debts made to in-terest. He said late payments on debts were causing increasing concern, particularly for small business people.

Mr Edward Leigh, Conser-vative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle, who drew num-ber five in the bellot, is concentrating on making sme

concentrating on making sure that footpaths and brideways are kept clear of crops.

Sixth in the ballot, Mr John Wilkinson, Conservative MP for Ruislip-Northwood, will attempt to require planning permission before a house can be demolished.

The House of Lords does not hold a ballot. However, the handful of private peer's measures introduced each session usually complete their passage through the upper House but fall in the Commons unless there is no opposition. A list of private members' Bills and the dates of their second reading debates will be published tomorrow.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Defence; Prime Minister. Enterprise and New Towns (Scotiand) Bill, second reading.

Labour plans for 20,000 jail cut

The Labour Party is to publish a "shadow" White Paper next week setting out the party's policies on criminal justice.

Labour spokesmen have indicated that the party is seeking to reduce the prison population by searly 28,000 with a reduction in the number of castodial sentences and that a Labour government would introduce a sentencing council which would set and monitor strict sentencing guidelines.

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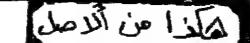
The new policy document, which is not expected to announce a precise figure for the reduction sought in the prison population, will emphasize the need for the prevention of crime rather than the punishment of afforthers.

It will welcome the Govern-ment's efforts to reduce the manber of people sent to prison

It will also emphasize the need for more attention to be paid to the victims of crime and make suggestions for improvemake suggestions for interests ments in the way the courts work. Labour argues that access to the courts is not on an equal basis in society and cannot be so while justice remains as expen-sive and as mysterious as it is. Mr Roy Hattersley, the

a speech to the Birmingham Rotary Clab yesterday. The White Paper will be dedicated to achieving, for all our citizens, equality before the law and equal treatment before the courts. Mr Hattersley said that the 46 per cest increase in recorded offences could be reduced, but only by a sustained programme of crime prevention. He accused the Government of heing obsessed by the Mea that the way to reduce crime was to increase the according of seasons.

to increase the severity of ser-tences and said that "in many occasions" custodial sentences resulted in second offences



ship between British Rail

chairman, spoke out yesterday.

vitality for the railways is ahead, if

Britain is ready to seize the

and is both impressed and alarmed

by what he sees. Britain's neigh-

bours are energetically building up

integrated transport networks to

He fears that, unless Britain shows a

be left on the sidelines. The Euro-

pean rail link, the greatest potential

country for a century, could instead marginalize Britain's economy and

turn it into a backwater, cut off from

ination, the French are setting about

creating a major communications hub at Charles de Gaulle Airport, on the outskirts of Paris, and inviting

large-scale commercial develop-ment at the point of interchange between road, rail and air traffic. When the line of the rail link between Paris and the Channel

Tunnel was first sketched on the

map of France, a decision was made

to divert it towards the city of Lille,

and lead a line to Brussels from

there. Thus a subsidiary hub would

be placed at the centre of a zone of

economic depression, where it

At the same time, as Sir Robert said, the Belgians will be devoting their best efforts to establishing

Brussels as a centre for interchanges

between rail and air. The contrast

with Britain, still deeply embroiled in uncertainties about the form and

timing of its rail link with Europe, is

BR's own part in that sorry story

is an inglorious one. Its managers

would claim that its record was

partly the result of interference and

irresolution in Whitehall. But yes-

terday Sir Robert was looking

decisions, launched on the public

without regard for presentation and

abandoned in favour of equally

squeals of protest threatened to

or hinted recriminations concerning

the recent past. He treated last year's behind-the-scenes battles

against Government plans to pri-vatize the railways — battles which

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Rail in the new Europe. George Hill reads between the lines





Then and now: the changing face of rall from the pride and glory of the 1930s (top) to the disgruntied 1990s

diplomatic skill - as finished business. The aspects of the past he dwelt on were those that underlined. his claim that BR, in managerial terms, is already well on course to become the streamlined, customer-oriented operation that the privatizers would seek to make it. commuters in the south-east of England might greet with disbelief. In the past five years, commuters in the south-cast have wrong-footed the planners by taking to rail in unexpectedly large numbers, and are suffering the consequent delays and consession. But Sir Robert was

able to point to significant advances

in productivity and financial performance since 1983. The reorganization of the system into five operating sectors has led to operating profits in the InterCity and ight sectors, and even Network SouthFast has halved its losses over the same period. Robert Reid, Sir full control as chairman in October, may well see Network SouthFast in profit before his own five-year term comes to an end. It is an example which managers of the far more heavily subsidized railways in most other developed countries have observed with surprise, and some

Much of what the outgoing chairman had to say was cast in the form of a message to his successor about being flexible, keeping in touch, and being ruthless when necessary. A lifelong Conservative, Sir Robert gave no ammunition to John Prescott, Labour's transport sidies. When Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, announced just before Christmas that there was to be no let-up in the progress towards balancing the books, even at the cost of steadily rising fares, Prescott greeted the announcement as another nail in the coffin of public service railways.

The Channel Tunnel, which was to have blazed a trail in entrepreneurial initiative in large-scale infrastructural projects, is beginning to look increasingly like a warning to investors to be wary of visionary transport schemes. The ultimate cost is hard to predict, and the returns are far away in the future.

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every user a Rolls-Royce, a chauf-feur and a lifetime's supply of

transport in the future.

Scarus to, "leap thou, attire and all,/ Through proof of harness to my heart, and there/ Ride on the pants triumphing." Francis Thomp-son in "A Corymbus for Autumn" declares that "day's dying dragon" is "panting red pants into the West". I am

Vanity Fair: "Amelia wept confidentially on the house-keeper's shoulder and relieved herself a good deal." Uncle Tom's Cabin: "Mrs Shelby nally, turning to her toilet, she rested her face in her hands, and gave a sort of groan."
Literature is as booby-trapped

Philip Howard

he dwelt scornfully on the bad old days when priorities had been set by engineers, "those spending barons", whose demands had driven subsidies higher and higher. But he made it clear that operating subsidies are one thing, and investment quite another. Under-

lying his warning about the dangers and opportunities of developments arcoss the Channel lay another of the hard lessons which should have been learnt from the eventful misadventures of last year; the limitations of private-sector investment. A railway system should be able to run from one year to the next without subsidies of a general kind. But the massive investments needed to add major new routes to the network will not usually be forthcoming except from the state.

he management BR's has long been disenchanted with the state sector's investment regime. During the privatization debate, there was a clear perception within BR that it would be very pleasant to be freed from the criterion of return on investment that the Treasury imposes on new projects. If the Government had been interested in privatizing BR en bloc management would have found the idea quite alluring. But more recent events have shown that it is not easy for the private sector to take the long view where projects on

It rankles with supporters of rail that the criteria for assessing major road projects are not dependent to the same extent on the concept of profitability. Because road users do not pay a direct charge for the use of the road, a wider analysis of benefits has to be applied. Here, Sir Robert sees history coming full circle. Back in the early Sixties, he watched the railways undergo the heavy and salutary pruning of the Beeching era, on the basis of the cost-benefit wents." analysis pioneered by Sir Alan Walters, who took a delight in demonstrating that some branch lines were so expensive to run that if BR closed them down and gave

petrol, it would still save money.

Now this very technique of costbenefit analysis has been invoked by Sir Robert as the procedure to vindicate the value of investment in traffic, cross-Channel links and rising environmental concern about roads and petrol engines. It would be ironic if the tooi that seemed 20 years ago to have condemned rail to a marginal role in transport planning justified its claims to a central role in the pattern of European

Listen for the pun shots

seemed to make sense at the time. But times and idiom change, making monkeys out The most obvious example of our old quotations. If he were composing today, I do not think that Henry Vaughan, the Welsh mystic poet, could write: "How brave the pros-pect of a bright backside!" This was too much for the Rev H.F. Lyte anyway, who in his edition of Vaughan amended the last two words to "tra-versed plain". I do not suppose that Elizabeth Barrett Browning would put it exactly back of the class. the way she did in her "Wine of Cyprus":

Our Euripides, the human, With his droppings of warm And his touches of things Till they rose to touch the

Custom has coarsened some of those words, particularly

and gay, Comes this of volatile idiom rendering quotations offside is the use of way sailing Like a stagay" as a less hostile description of homosexual. This was tely ship of first recorded in underworld and low life slang in the And how about Iago,

Thirties, but since the war has become widely idiomatic. praising Consequently a range of fam-Women ous quotations have become Desdemona impossible without schoolboy and Emilia: gers from the roughs at the "She Never lacked gold, For example, it is no longer and yet went possible for Chaucer's Wife of never gay"? In his The Menag-

vises: "If na-

ture made you

Bath to ask in her prologue: "Why is my neighbour's wife so gay?" without risk of double entendre. The same embarrassment has come upon Samson Agonistes:

But who is this, what thing of sea or land? Female of sex it seems, That so bedeck'd, ornate,

NEW WORDS FOR OLD



ers: "There's such a charm in melanch-oly, I would not, if I could, be gay." Scott in Guy Mannering: "Sophia, as you well know, followed me to India. She was innocent as gay; but unfortunately for us both, as gay as innoso graceful, don't get gay." cent." Poetry treads a perilous

tion in "Lapis

Lazuli": "They

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beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and double entendre in the ear of the Lower Fifth form. But there are some words that have become so dodgy because of changing slang that the prudent tightrope-walker avoids them. Take "pants". Since 1840 these have been collogial for the undergarments that were formerly called drawers. This has undermined a whole series of famous quotations. Kubla Khan: "As if this

and bathos, I know that

earth in fast thick pants were breathing." Shelley in "Epip-sychidion": "The slow, silent night/Is measured by the pants of their fast sleep." In Othello, Cassio prays that Othello might "make Love's quick pants in Desdemona's arms". In Antony and Cleopa-And what are we to make of tightrope between sublimity tra, Antony tells the wounded

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trying as hard as I can to be high-minded about this, but I cannot help twitching at those red pants.

Once you have started spotting double entendres, literature become a minefield. Paradise Lost: "And leave a singed bottom all involved with stench and smoke."

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its climax, a member of staff tells of

life as a cleaner in his own school

Teachers scurrying away from school may be concerned more to get to their part-time jobs than to return to their families. Every year about 4,000 of them give up the struggle to cope with

pay they say is inadequate and leave for other jobs. According to the National Union of Teachers, its members are working as bar staff, taxi drivers, car salesmen. shop workers, waiters, and nightclub stewards.

Cardinal Basil Hume spoke for many last week when he said: "The pay levels of teachers are too low, administrative burdens too great, the pace of change too hectic and unsett-

He has entered the argument as the rates for 1990 are hammered out by the Interim Advisory Committee on Teachers' Pay. The committee, under Lord Chilver, is due to report to the Government at the end of the month. It has been told it must operate within a £600 million budget, which represents a 7.5 per cent rise across the total salary

Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former headmaster of an inner London comprehensive school, and former junior Conservarive Education Minister, is alarmingly in recent years, folnot alone when

he says: "I have never known morale amonest teachers to be so low Money has something to do with that. but not all. They have fallen behind in public esteem as schools have not delivered what the public

love or money. If you deprive them of both, they wilt'

Teachers

The unions say the time has come to start afresh. Many of their income by offering prithem believe it is going to be vate tuition. Gordon says this easier to deal with John MacGregor than his predecessor as Education Secretary,

Kenneth Baker, although nobody doubts his toughness. The unions have shifted their ground; they no longer rely on comparability with other professions but prefer to depend on market forces. ter Smith ot the Assistani Musters and Mistresses Association, says: "The more telling argument is whether the money is enough to attract sufficient teachers of the right quality. There is growing evidence that it is not."

MacGregor knows that he will have to do something about pay if it is not to become a serious issue for the Conservatives in the next general election. Not the least of his problems will be in the Home Counties, where high house prices are driving teachers

Even independent schools are finding it tougher to hire suitable staff and are discussing ways of making cheaper accommodation available. And the Government is holding discussions with the Treasury and local authorities to see if they can provide cheaper mortgages for the staff of state

Iain McLean, head of information technology and business studies at the 760pupil Falmer Comprehensive School, Brighton, is typical of many teachers. He is a gradu-

ate of Sussex University and has been a teacher since 1973. He now earns £15,978, including an incentive allowance of £858 for added responsibility.

He says: "It is not just the money. It is certainly not enough to compensate for the aggravation we get every day from ministers and more money would certainly help. We used to be autonomous but now the Government does not trust us to make any decisions."

Other teachers take on extra work to add to their salaries. Graham Gordon, an English graduate, is a cleaner at his own school Gordon, aged 41, a teacher since 1970, earns £14,690 a year, the maximum for a classroom teacher without allowances. He is married, with three young children, and pays a monthly mortgage of £160 on his two-bedroom bungalow. His part-time cleaning job at the 1,555-pupil Bournside Comprehensive School, in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, pays an extra £40 a week.

He says: "Teaching is so badly paid that I have to work as a cleaner just to survive. I did not enter teaching for the money but for the status. However, both have dropped

ment attacks." He says that some of his colwill work for leagues also work part-time as estate agents or in bars. Unlike MacGregor, he does not sec incentive allowances for extra responsibility as a solution to poor pay. In the past,

many teachers have boosted

is no longer so attractive because the extra work produced by the national curriculum and other changes in schools leaves them too tired.

Many teachers claim they would not be able to support

their families without a second wage coming in from their husband or wife. Fred signed as a science teacher, is married to a college lecturer. He and his wife live in a threebedroom semi-detached house in Newcastle under Lyme, pay a mortgage of £320 a month, and have an eightyear-old son.

"It would have been almost impossible to manage without the two salaries," he says. "Money was only one of the reasons I left teaching - the other was an almost total disenchantment with the pace of the many changes teachers

Millward is working for Teachers' Assurance and carns less than the £15,978 he was paid as a head of year at Sneyd High School, Newcastle under Lyme. He expects this to change quite soon.

The problem for many teachers is summed up by David Jewell, Master of Hailebury, Hertford, and Conference: "Teachers will work for love or money. Deprive them of both and they will wilt."

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hoever in the Pentagon has the job of dreaming up code names for American military adventures should probably be reassigned. Operation Just Cause is now almost universally known in Panama City as Operation Just 'Cos, although a catchier title would have been Operation Pineapple, the fruit to which General Noriega's complexion bears a supposed resemblance having become the unofficial emblem of the invasion. The local Holiday Inn is doing an invasion cocktail (with pineapple juice, naturally) and the Vatican embassy in which the dictator sought refuge has become known as the Casa de Pina Colada. His old cronies who speedily became turncoats in the face of -24,000 heavily armed boys from the north are now known as pinas volteadas — upside-down pineapples — and one local entrepreneur has been making a mint from selling T-shirts bearing a pineapple super-

imposed on a no-entry sign.

Meanwhile, the more fruitless facets of
the operation include the Stealth bomber which dropped two 2,000lb bombs, leaving eavesdropping rock music which failed to prevent journalists with shortwave radios picking up the voice of a GI saying: "Are we going ahead with this or has Washington changed its mind?" — the first indication that the General was about to give himself up. Equally unsuccessful was the army of watching journalists who ran a sweepstake on the date of Noriega's surrender, only one got it right, although the most popular bet was a 1,000-1 shot, offered by the correspondent of *The Times* doubling as media bookmaker, that Noriega would be ordained . a Roman Catholic priest.

All in all, a funny little war. Had I been head of code names. I would have called the operation Gunfight at the OK Canal.

bottle of champagne yesterday from A MORI, the pollsters, to G.K. Hiscocks of Beaufort, a Cardiff market research company, for most accurately predicting the electorate's voting intentions at the turn of the year. As the predictions were made last March, it's hardly surprising that not one of the 31 entrants came anywhere near envisaging Labour's 7 per cent lead. Only four participants thought Labour would be ahead at all, and even the winner put it neck and neck with the Tories. But the wooden spoon goes to the optimist from the Liberal Democrats' office who wagered his party commanding 27 per cent of voters' affec-tions. The actual figure was 6 per cent. At least it was double the Owen tally.



'Let me through — I've been talking to a lobby correspondent'

aving endured the BBC's 75-minute self-justification, See For Yourself, on Sunday night, in which yalue for licence money was the heavily underscored theme, I shall be watching part two with interest on Thursday night, when Sue Lawley questions Chairman Hussey and Director-General Checkland. As one of the Corporation's toughest and most able interviewers, will she, I wonder, get her teeth into the meat of the Phillips Com-mittee, which has been looking at BBC financing and whose recommendations, including making up to a quarter of the 28,000 staff redundant, are up for discussion by the board of governors later this month? Lawley's husband, Hugh Williams, is a member of that very committee, so she ought to be uniquely well-equipped to go for the jugular. If she dares.

I harles Wood, chief executive of the Government's least favourite local authority - the London Borough of Brent — is enjoying a quiet smirk at the expense of his Whitehall overlords. Having read in the municipal press that Brent Council's direct labour organization was running at a substantial loss, the Department of the Environment wrote to Wood demanding to know why he had not submitted an annual report and accounts, and making veiled threats that the organization would be banned from carrying out any construction works exceeding £50,000. Wood gleefully pointed out to the DoE that its threats were six months too late; Brent closed its direct labour organization last July, with the loss of 107 jobs.

hatcherites should welcome the decision by six Labour-controlled local authorities to run their own ambulance services. Although it seems to be another GLC-style tweaking of central government's nose, it could provide an escape route from the economic and political corner in which

Kenneth Clarke, the Health Sec-

retary, has become wedged.

The councils involved — all in the west Midlands, though the Labour-dominated Association of London Authorities may follow suit - have unwittingly endorsed several eminently market-related principles. First, they have shown that central government does not need to do everything itself and that competing centres of power have their merits. Smaller entities can be more innovative, act more quickly, and experiment with ideas that could not be introduced nationally. Mrs That-cher and her ministers believe this in theory - and it does no harm to see it proved in practice

Second, and more important, the authorities have broken through the principle that all ambulance services must be

from time to time.

Graham Mather maps out the answer to Clarke's emergency

Labour ambulance lifeline

framework in NHS-owned vehicles. The use of non-NHS vehicles, hired or bought, con-

cedes an important principle. This raises a point about the present dispute. Why should ambulance personnel - or firemen, for that matter - at odds with their employers consider themselves entitled to rights in "their" vehicles, using them for demonstrations even if it means that alternative services have to be provided by a scratch collection of military vehicles? This is an abuse of public property. The mention of firemen points

to another principle which the Labour councils have conceded: that the despatch of ambulances should be controlled by the fire service. So a breach has been made in the idea that every emergency service must be in its own box, confined to a specific range of tasks.

greater efficiency, why not allow suitably trained fire service personnel to man the ambulances in areas where this would be practical? Work by the Audit Commission suggests such work-sharing could lead to significant savings, especially in areas where firemen have long gaps between call-outs. I have talked to entrepreneurial fire service officers who itch to play a broader role in serving the

In areas of difficult terrain and congested roads, the emergency services could also share helicopters, or call on those now being bought by a number of police forces. Such moves could break down the increasingly artificial restrictions on whose job it is to provide emergency

Having inadvertently raised these questions, the Labour for giving ministers a clear path out of the ambulance service pay dispute. Public and political concern about the obvious shortcomings of the pay determination system in the emergency services is now quite apparent.

Ministers are torn between yielding to that concern, which would lead to an unacceptable deterioration in emergency service provision, or toughing it out. So far they have toughed it out. They are, rightly, aware of the disastrous financial consequences for other health care if they were to yield in the present cash-limited, nationallybargained NHS.

But neither of these avenues provides a long-term solution. Nor, really, does another apparently attractive option, pendulum arbitration, by which the arbitrator comes down in favour of one side with no middle

ment on the present arrangements but makes no provision for more efficient local bargaining or pay differentials to reward specific skills - the problem which has got Mr Clarke into such bot water.

The answer, again, is to follow the Labour councils' lead. They are breaking out of the Whitley system and NHS resources to make their own arrangements. Ministers could offer a larger lump sum settlement to health authorities or local authorities; they could go further and agree to management buy-outs by ambulance personnel who can prove themselves competent to provide a regional or local

The condition should be that the service providers should sort out their differential themselves, in their local labour market. Market forces would soon estab-

lish the real rate for the different jobs of paramedics and drivers Some pay escalation might re. sult, but it would have to be accepted. In the medium to longer term, any such increase would be made worth while by the establishment of a principle of tenders and contracts and devolution of differentials to local areas. Health care is expensive, and little purpose is served by rigging markets to pretend

that it is not This proposal will, of course, be attacked as a plan to privatize the ambulance service. It is not It is simply to do what the Labour authorities have shown can be done: to improve efficiency by arranging matters locally, under a responsible framework, and breaking down

restrictive practices. If one day it led to many ambulance services being tied in with fire or other emergency provision, or run by manage-ment buy-out staff with a stake in their jobs - well, so much the better. In the meantime let us give thanks to the Labour councils for pointing the way out of a

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dead-end dispute.
The author is general director of the Institute of Economic Affairs.

Norman Tebbit urges a tough line against Tories who would sacrifice national sovereignty

No fudging on this Euro mould

ast night Conservative Euro MPs were due to meet the party chairman. Kenneth Baker, in preparation for a meeting with the Prime Minister on January 24. The initiative for the latter seems to have come from Downing Street - an olive branch prompted by the need to heal wounds and close ranks after a year in which Tory MEPs, the Government and party seemed not only out of step but intent on

trioping one another up.

Kenneth Baker and the MEPs were undoubtedly at their diplomatic best, but I believe prospects for a happy outcome are bleak. Relations between the British government and par-liament in Westminster and the Brussels orientated MEPs have never been easy. As party chairman between 1985 and 1987 I managed to keep the peace and act as a bridge between the two camps. That was possible not only because I was willing to be used as a political abook absorber; more importantly, there was mutual unwillingness to crystallize the issues in the unavoidable power struggle be-tween the European Parliament and would-be Euro government in Brussels and our own Parliament and Government in

Kenneth Baker is unlikely to be so lucky. Although he will want to build bridges by way of better machinery for consultation between the British MEPs and Westminster, their demand for a vice-chairmanship of the party will not be welcomed. Nor will that be the only disagreement. Whatever bridges are built traffic over them is more likely to be hostile than

In their present bawkish mood it seems that the British MEPs will conclude that 1990 is the year their ambitions to create a united Europe will have priority over the need to close the rift. with the Conservative leadership and MPs at home. The issue most likely to precipitate a party struggle is that of the single European currency. That, how-

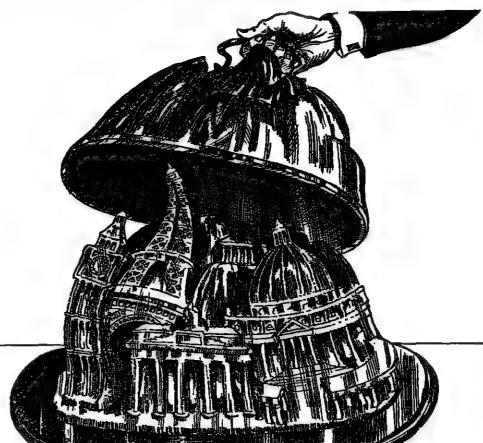
Eventually, battle lines will be drawn between those who see the EC as a community of states allied by treaty to achieve defined common purposes and those who see it as a community, in which nations will become provinces with power con-centrated into the hands of the pan-European institutions in

Most MEPs would not yet see things so starkly. Few would own up to being federalists. In fact the views they mostly hold seem to go well beyond federation to the creation of a single central authority in which economic power would be concentrated. The issue of sovereignty is simply brushed aside as irrelevant, since the MEPs claim that Britain does not have economic sovereignty today. ereignty is a myth, as governments are subject to external economic forces of similar, or greater, magnitude to national

One leading MEP claims that Britain now has only 20 per cent economic sovereignty, while in a pan-European economy we would share in the exercise of 50 per cent economic sovereignty. I am not sure that one-twelfth of 50 per cent is more than the whole of 20 per cent, or even if one can measure such things

t is true, of course, that no nation is immune to world economic forces. However, the same is true of sovereignty more generally and it cannot be argued that the existence of the superpowers has rendered the sovereignty of, say, Japan, or New Zealand or Israel a mere delusion. No sovereignty is absolute, as Russia found in Afghanistan and Argentina in the Falklands, and as Israel is finding in the occupied West Bank today, but to deny its existence is to deny reality.

The MEPs' counter-argument is that while Britain's veto could prevent progress towards a single European currency within the



EC's present mechanism, a new treaty to that end, separate from the Treaty of Rome, could be signed by the other 11 members. Britain would then be left to struggle belatedly into the sys-

design.
The assumption behind that argument is that the present government and supporters of

the concept of a Europe of nation-states are totally opposed to the use of a common currency. That is not so, and many free spirits would be willing to see the ing to a progressive diminution in the role, or elimination, of the weaker ones and increasing dominance of the stronger. Such a solution does not

Either Mrs Thatcher will acquiesce in the lowering of the curtain on our history as an independent nation or she will fight for Britain's

independence, even at the risk of Tory MEPs leaving the party

appeal to the MEPs. British they are and Conservative they claim to be, but only the European centralized system fits their ambition that their parliament at over Westminster. The latter would become something of a glorified Greater London Council with added pageantry and, for the time being control over criminal (but not commercial) law and the armed forces -

almost useless to a government all but bereft of economic power. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, constrained in his budget judgement of the level of the public sector borrowing requirement or debt repayment, and faced with progressive loss of authority over the total to be raised by taxation, would find

distribution of tax severely constrained by limits on the variability of VAT.

Britain's entry into the European Community was a historic choice. Now we face another. This is not just a row about a common currency or the Social Charter, It is about whether Her Majesty's Government is to be progressively reduced to the level of a provincial administration, the Mother of Parliaments to a regional council enacting bylaws and the United Kingdom to a province of Europe, or whether we remain a nation bound to our partners by treaty, by commerce and common interest but retaining both the right to manage our own affairs and the right to secede by abrogation of a treaty. It is a question of whether we abandon nationhood to become a mere province.

or a government in of-fice, there is a temptation to fudge the issue as the salami slicer erodes the nationhood which generations have patiently created. But with Tory MEPs eager to prove their European credentials to their colleagues in Strasbourg, they will see Mrs Thatcher's olive branch as a sign of weakness and press home their attack.

They will have at their disposal plenty of Euro taxpayers' money for "information campaigns" - that is, propaganda for their campaign to usurp power from the United Kingdom parroom for fudge. Either Mrs Thatcher will acquiesce in the lowering of the curtain on the history of this kingdom as an independent nation or she will fight for Britain's independence, even at the risk of Tory MEPs

leaving the party.

The growing determination of East European nations to regain their nationhood in this, the 50th anniversary of the last time that Britain was isolated in Europe. makes a fitting backcloth to the revival of the great debate on Home Rule - but this time it is

Denying the tobacco industry its new recruits Des Wilson launches a parent campaign to prevent children smoking

espite evidence that 90 per cent of British people know that smoking can kill, one in three adults still smokes, and tobacco sales are increasing for the first time in many years. Since the Chief Medical Officer recently confirmed that cigarettes continue to be "the most important single cause of ill health and premature death" we need a fresh approach

to the problem. Health education alone is not the answer, for even official warnings on cigarette packets that "smoking can cause fatal diseases", do not deter. The problem with the obvious alternative - much tougher controls - is that it tends to be opposed even by non-smokers who believe that in a free society people should be able to choose whether to smoke or not. The campaign being launched today by 100 well-known parents

I ask only that they don't come

to protect children from smoking could represent the most effective approach yet, for it circumvents the "free to choose" obstacle. It will not be directed at existing adult smokers; instead its legitimacy is based on the right of parents to defend the well-being of their children. If adults wish to take the one in four chance of dying from a

tobacco-related disease, so be it, but the most ardent advocate of personal freedom would surely accept that this choice should not extend to impressionable children, any more than they are free to buy alcohol. No one wants their children to start smoking. It is on this consensus that the parents will build a wedge between their children and tobacco, between one generation of smokers and another.

In a recent letter to this newspaper the Tobacco Advisory Council described smoking as an adult practice. So it should be, but it is not. In England alone more than 300,000 children smoke regularly and 180,000 occasionally. While there has been a fall overall in child smoking, the statistics for 15-year-olds remain alarming, with 22 per cent of girls and 17 per cent of boys smoking regularly. Surveys to be published later today will show that the law passed in 1986 to stop the sale of cigarettes to children under 16 is being broken all over the country, by small shops, super-markets, service stations and offlicences, and that few local authorities and police forces have made any attempt to

The industry will protest that as part of its voluntary deal with the Department of Health, it spends £1 million a year on a campaign to promote the law. But that is only 1 per cent of the sum it spends promoting its products. It will insist too that its promotional activity is directed only at adults. That also is nonsense. Are children blind to billboards and the placards of tobacco sponsors at the sports events they watch on television? Our surveys prove that be-sides being a failure, the industry's so-called campaign to prevent illicit sales is fraudulent. The industry needs child smokers. At least 110,000 people die prematurely from smoking each year. So the industry needs 300 new smokers every day simply to replace those it kills.

Where will the new smokers come from? Research shows that 75 per cent of adult smokers are hooked by the age of 18. In other words, nearly all new smokers have to come from the under-18s. As the World Health Organization says: "We must assume the tobacco industry, like all other industries, is interested in expansion. The failure of a generation of young people to start smoking would devastate it within 10 years."

Those who today launch the Parents against Tobacco campaign, supported by 50 national rganizations and more than 150 MPs, believe we can meet that challenge. Up to now we have not really set out to stop children smoking. But it can be done: by proper enforcement of the law, by further restrictions on tobacco promotions and sponsor-ship, and by using the Budget to While no real attempt is made

to protect our children, the tobacco industry is shielded by hypocrisy. Economic factors (export earnings, jobs, tax revenue and even, perhaps, savings on pensions) are put before the cost of premature death and

suffering.
Freedom of choice may conceivably protect the manufacture and sale of a lethal product, but not its portrayal as glamorous and socially acceptable.

The tobacco industry will claim to sympathize with our concern and support many of our aims. If that were really true it would be saying it wanted to write off its future. Can anyone really believe that? The author is chairman of Citizen Action's new Parents

truffling, literally, in the Gallic fleshpots, and therefore seeking some means of retaining the reader's goodwill against the spirit-plummeting prospect of yet another back banging on about major hot dinners of our time, let me immediately reassure you. This column is not about food, it is about chefs; it seeks not to praise, but to grumble; and it is motivated not by self-indulgence but by reformist zeal. Especially as the old bad custom in France stands poised to become the new bad custom in Britain, this being the downside of that upside which over the past few years has been bringing us better and better domestic cooking by more and

Back home after a week of

status which the culture increasingly bestows. Make no mistake, here: I unreservedly accept the great

more chefs enjoying the heroic

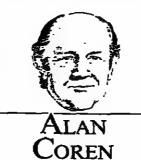
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looks at a dead fish and a handful of weeds and discerns within them rouget à la nage au basilic is as deserving of that trade description as the one who juggles 26 letters until they have formed Paradise Lost, or winkles the Bach Double Violin Concerto out of eight lengths of catgut. I should happily endorse a Nobel Prize for Patisserie, or a Cooks' Corner in Westminster Abbey, and if Her Majesty were to take it in mind to drop the sabre upon some culinary shoulder, I would not stand in her way. For great chefs deserve all the admiration and gratitude a stomach has to give.

out seeking it. Cooks should stay in kitchens.

Let us suppose I am happily immersed in a novel; I do not expect the doorbell to ring halfway through, and to find Kingsley Amis standing on the mat, no-tionally inquiring whether every-thing is all right, but actually asking me to fall and kiss the hem of his smock. If I am folling on the South Bank, eyes closed to appreciate the magic fingers plucking the Waldstein from the keyboard, I do not expect to have those eyes snapped open by Alfred Brendel suddenly bellowing: "Well, what

do you think of it so far?" Shift the locale to many a major restaurant, however, and we may all. Indeed, there are those who



stop supposing. Of the four such in which I last week tied on the eager bib, all were culpable, and none more irritatingly so than the one which was the most major of

Baumanière is among the best half-dozen in the world: with its three Michelin stars, five crossed forks and spoons gules rampant, and countless other ribbons, rosettes, and accolades, it is, given the recent passing of President Ceausescu, possibly the most decorated thing there now is. Nor are the gongs unearned; three stars are translated by the great tyre gournands as worth a special journey", but I have little doubt that if there were a fourth star indicating "situated atop the Eiger but well worth approaching by the North Face", the Ousteau

I had, accordingly, been saliva-

ting at its prospect for years, and in the event, not a drop proved to have sprung in vain. We rolled our eyes over the ravioli de truffes au poireaux, we caught our breath at the filets de loup à la vapeur au jus de betterave - but then, just as we were about to raise the trembling cutiery over the noisettes d'agneau Baumanière, the corner of my eye picked up what it most dreaded. A flash of white, no bigger than a man's

The premises freeze-framed, and a susurration rippled through the serried diners. Old M Thuilier had appeared. Untucketed, perhaps, untrumpeted, uncannoned, but even so you never saw such a

coming. As table after table paused in sequence and went into an elaborate routine of fawning. and grinning, and gasping, it was as if a ward-round had been crossed with a Mexican wave.

In the 30 minutes he took to

against Tobacco campaign:

reach us, the noisettes dis-appeared, but I cannot remember eating them, so preoccupied was I in composing something gushing to lay at M Thuilier's feet in order that he should not feel we were unworthy to have a couple of hundred quid taken off us. Eventually, he hove to, I gargled, he nodded, and moved imperiously on. "I didn't catch any of that," said my wife. "Did you say Please sir, can I have some more?

I shall write to Michelin. The time has come for a new little symbol. A toque with three vertical bars in front of it, indicating a restaurant where the chef doesn't appear.

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TIME TO SETTLE

There comes a psychological moment in any industrial dispute when one side or the other or both - decide that the time has come to find a settlement. Few would be greatly surprised if that point had now arrived in the so-far intractable ambulancemen's dispute. Those watching can even detect a subtle change in the use of language and (in the age of broadcasting) of tone of voice. Both sides now seem to be moving tentatively towards convergence.

The Government has been right all along to argue that the ambulancemen were much more akin to health service workers than to firemen or policemen. It was that correct analysis which lay behind the original offer to the ambulancemen being in line with the general health service pay settlement of last spring, rather than being tied to pay in the fire service.

It has to be admitted that most of the work done by ambulancemen consists - in Mr Kenneth Clarke's unkind phrase - of little more than taxi driving. Some of the rest involves answering emergency calls. But even in that case ambulancemen are only the extended arm of the hospital casualty service.

It may be life saving, but no less so than the work of the doctors, nurses, porters, and others who staff the hospital casualty departments. By no means all ambulance crews are qualified paramedics, people able to provide at the road side or at the scene of a disaster sophisticated life-saving first-aid treatment for serious injuries. Where they are so qualified, this should be recognized in their pay and status. Those not yet qualified should have suitable opportunities and encouragement to become so.

All this has already been said in the course of the dispute so far, and it contains elements which would be useful in constructing a satisfactory settlement. In addition, the management side has made a revised pay offer which would span a different period from the offer originally made, while increasing pay by a higher percentage.

There has been a somewhat theoretical argument between the two sides about whether this represented "new money" - in the beloved phrase of industrial relations bargaining - or not. But such niceties are only for those with a pocket calculator to hand and a more than usual facility with the rules of arithmetic, logic, and the conventional language of industrial relations.

For most of the public, it will merely have muddied the waters. And that, if the finding of a settlement is now the task in hand, could be a benefit too. It would make it less clear which side has won or lost, or whether one side has compromised more than the other. After the sort of disoute that this has become, any solution now will have to contain prizes for everyone, and honour all round.

On the political front the Government is now coming under some pressure to find a solution. It would be exaggerated to say, as some Conservative MPs are reported to be saying, that the ambulancemen have won the "hearts and minds" aspect of the dispute; and more nearly the truth to note merely that they have not lost it.

Given that the public regards the ambulance emergency service as little short of vital, and the arrangements to substitute for it as only just adequate, it is notable that the ambulancemen have not stirred up public antagonism against themselves. They have done so by the clever tactic of providing, or pretending to provide, alternative emergency cover in answer to 999 calls, and have thereby avoided the onus of being responsible for withdrawing that

If Mr Clarke calculated on public pressure to bring the ambulancemen to heel, he misjudged it. What he should now do is reshuffle the various elements in his previous proposals and return to the negotiating table.

He should take with him proposals for some new structural device for reviewing ambulancemen's pay, so that ambulancemen can feel their longer-term aspirations about pay and status might continue in play beyond this dispute. And after a seemly amount of new negotiation, the ambulancemen should settle.

SIR ROBERT'S SWAN-SONG

Every schoolboy knows that if you are the master of an oil tanker in the English Channel and you want to turn left into the Bay of Biscay, you must start doing something about it as you pass the white chiffs of Dover. The principle, it seems, is not confined to bulk shipping.

In London last night, Sir Robert Reid, the retiring Chairman of the British Rail Board, delivered a valedictory address to the Chartered Institute of Transport. Sir Robert joined the old LNER as a graduate trainee in 1947. "The railway", he told his audience, "was then organized and managed in a way which basically remained unchanged until 1982".

Sir Robert maintained that for the first 35 years after it was nationalized, British Rail continued to be organized as a bureaucracy, to be engineering based, to be union dominated and to be production led. The regional general managers reigned supreme - "railway barons exercising great power in the geographical territories which they commanded" - and yet the business basis of their operations was as weak as their command structure was strong.

There were also the engineers — "powerful people whose word tended to be law", said Sir Robert. "Decisions about infrastructure, rolling stock and locomotives were all seen as being engineering decisions, and they tended to get the blame for high cost".

Dr Beeching's period at the helm clearly made a profound impression on Sir Robert -"His strategic thinking about the future of the railways was a revelation". The swinging sixties, however, were not congenial to this harbinger of Thatcherism. Railway management was still dominated by the notion of being a transport monopoly with common

carrier obligations. It was rather as if Atatürk had been made mayor of Tunbridge Wells. After four short

years he was gone, the attempt to focus on marketing hardly begun. Modern times proper began in 1982. "For the first time we knew what was expected of us", Sir Robert said -- "to run an efficient service providing good value for money; to reduce the passenger grant; to increase private sector participation." BR was restructured into five accountable businesses and the focus on the market place brought about a sharp improvement.

The historical part of Sir Robert's testament took up a good deal more time than the section in which he offered a view about what the priorities should be for the future. He sees gmous opportunities for BR in the single market and the opening of the Channel tunnel, but he is rightly preoccupied by the efforts of the French to make Charles de Gaulle Airport the hub of Europe, connected by new high speed trains to all parts of the Continent.

It is a challenge which he thinks can be met, but only if we expedite the British Parliamentary Bill procedures, make an early start on the Paddington-Heathrow rail link and find a way of financing the links from King's Cross and Waterloo to the Channel tunnel. "Government", he said, "has already made it clear that BR's investments can in certain circumstances be judged on the basis of cost benefit analysis. Let us hope they will use it to good effect in the next few years".

That was the point in his swan-song at which Sir Robert was most overtly critical of the Government. There have been suggestions from British Rail sources that there are a number of issues on which he feels rather more strongly. If that is so, he should seek an occasion to say clearly what they are before he hands over to his namesake in March. An admirer of Dr Beeching's has no need of winks and nods.

TURK AND BULGAR

Mr Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish Foreign Minister, has blamed "remnants" of the ousted regime of Mr Todor Zhivkov for the anti-Muslim demonstrations sweeping through Bulgaria. That sounds like wishful thinking on his part.

Or perhaps he was simply being diplomatic. Today he meets his Bulgarian counterpart Mr Boyko Dimitrov in Kuwait in an attempt to settle Bulgaria's ethnic strife. With talks also under way now in Sofia between the parties involved in the dispute, Bulgaria's new Government would seem to be making strenuous efforts.

Mutual suspicion between Bulgaria'a ruling Slavs and its 1,500,000 Muslim minority is deeply rooted. Since 1877, when the country won, its independence from the Ottoman Empire, the Slavs have disliked and distrusted the ethnic Turks, as well as those Bulgars who had converted to Islam.

The present crisis had its origins five years ago, Mr Zhivkov's Brezhnevite Government in Sofia adopted a policy of forced assimilation. The Turks were ordered even to change their names - part of a campaign to eradicate their separate cultural and religious identity.

The reaction among the Muslims was predictable. Resentment bred a generation of young activists who led demonstrations which turned into street violence. Under the tightly controlled regime of Mr Zhivkov it was their only way of making their voices heard.

Against this background of rising fear and oppression, the Turks last year began an exodus from the country. Their belongings piled high on carts or on rusting trucks, they streamed across the frontier into Turkey, until

even Ankara had to half-close its open door. As many as 300,000 fled Bulgaria, creating pressures on homes and jobs in their new country. While the Sofia Government denied that they were being deported, it was guilty at

the very least of constructively expelling them. This came to an end with the fall of Mr Zhivkov. Four days after Christmas, his successors in Sofia announced an end to the assimilation programme. The Turkish minority would once more be free to practise their religion, speak their own language and retain their traditional names,

The angry reaction which developed within days reflects the bitter divisions in the country. Last week thousands of Bulgarians waving the red, white and green national flag and chanting "Bulgaria for the Bulgarians" protested in Sofia and seven more cities, demanding that the new policies be reversed, pending a national referendum on ethnic rights.

To their credit, both the communist Government and the democratic opposition in Sofia have rejected the demands. Four days of continuing strikes and demonstrations have, however, forced the Government to hold today's inter-communal talks in Sofia.

The Government must be encouraged to resist. Last year's flight by the frustrated Turks and other Muslims not only depleted Bulgaria's own workforce (creating significant problems in some areas) but further damaged Bulgaria's international reputation.

Britain and the United States were among those countries which condemned the Zhivkov regime for its intolerance. Not that Mr Zhivkov seemed to worry, secure as he was behind the closed frontiers and security apparatus of the Soviet bloc.

His successors, however, are exposed to the political and economic realities of a new Europe. They will find that they need aid and technical assistance if they are to make their way in a more open and competitive market. Much will depend on their dedication to reform. Bulgaria's people as well as its Government should know that.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the Romanians

From Mr Nicholas Mellor Sir, With two friends on December 28 I delivered a tonne of medical supplies by van to one of the hospitals in Bucharest. Though it was impossible to get a clear picture of the medical priorities with the confusion and dramatic changes occurring in the city, it was obvious that there was a grave shortage in the hospitals I visited. These shortages appeared to be as much due to the legacy of a rundown health-care service as to the additional burden on the hospitals from the casualties of the revolution.

A number of factors hampered the relief effort in the early days of the emergency. These included the lack of an official host government to liaise with, uncertainty about the number of casualties, and snow storms which at times closed the airport and disrupted the already weak local distribution network.

The French response to the emergency was particularly im-pressive. They were amongst the first on the ground with their relief effort spearheaded by non-governmental organisations such as Médecins Sans Frontières and Médecins du Monde. These organisations sent in self-contained teams of medics with logistical support and medical supplies which were complementary to the official international relief effort, Although larger-scale and internationally coordinated, the official effort was inevitably slower and less flexible than the French.

Whilst putting together a team in the UK to get medical aid to the hospitals in Bucharest, I was in contact with the Foreign Office, the British Red Cross and the Overseas Development Adminis-tration, but found no UK organisation geared up to providing the immediate help that the French were so ready to give. However, the response of individuals who offered money, supplies and professional help was impressive.

This generous response raises the question as to how this good will could be better mobilized to enable the UK to respond more effectively to emergencies such as that which occurred in Romania. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS MELLOR, Twilly Springs House, West Hendred, Wantage, Oxfordshire.

Docklands problem From the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute

January 5.

Sir, I was a little irritated by Dr Andrew Church's attack on planners over the problems of the London Docklands (January 5). Dr Church had only to read your own columns to know that planners have been among the most severe critics of the process by which development in Docklands had proceeded. For example, in an article on October 30 headed "London Docklands scheme an irredeemable failure", your Property Correspondent, Mr Christopher Warman, referred extensively to my own very direct criticisms expressed in a speech to the Docklands Forum.

The problem is not, as Dr Church alleges, that planners have ignored the needs and priorities Docklands residents and Londoners in general". The problem is that planners were not given the opportunity either to ignore or to take account of these needs they were excluded from the process right from the start.

Despite this misunderstanding.
I concur with Dr Church's general conclusions about the inappropriateness, impracticality, and in-efficiency of the market-led process which we saw in Dock-lands in the early 1980s. Happily these lessons have been learnt, and the LDDC (London Docklands Development Corporation) is now operating much more sensibly and responsibly than once it did. Yours faithfully,

C. J. SHEPLEY, President, Royal Town Planning Institute, 26 Portland Place, W1. January 5.

Charity reform From Mr Martin Kochanski

Sir, Rabbi Julia Neuberger (article, January 3) is right in saying that the tax system should be used to increase charitable giving, and Dr David Green (letter, January 5) is right in opposing compulsion as undermining personal moral responsibility.

A different tax reform, no less radical than Rabbi Neuberger's, would not only increase charitable giving but meet Dr Green's objections by enhancing the personal element. Let the basic rate of income tax be reduced from 25 per cent to 24 per cent provided that the remaining I per cent is given to The Exchequer would not, of

course, lose the whole of the 1 per cent cut, because some people would be too lazy to give the money away; for the rest, ordinary people would for the first time have the chance to be substantial benefactors, and the habits of giving and involvement, once planted, would grow naturally without further intervention. Yours faithfully. MARTIN KOCHANSKI

7 Courtfield Gardens, SW5. January 5. From Mr Justin Templer Sir, The case made by Rabbi Julia Neuberger for an income tax surcharge that would go to charity

democratic government.

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Medical help for Forging a shield for civil rights

Sir, One wonders why Lord Scarman ("Bill of Rights that's ours for the taking", January 4) casts aside the Kilmuir rules, which commend judicial silence on non-judicial matters; why he argues more by assertion than with evidence; and why he encourages British people, who have deliberately avoided pieces of paper as constitutional safeguards for centuries, to adopt the European Convention on Human Rights, which was cobbled together as a minimum constitutional code in 1950.

He lists rights covered in this Convention. It begins with the right to life and includes such important rights as the freedom from torture, inhuman or degrading treatment, slavery, forced labour, the right to liberty - whatever that means - and many other rights which were won by the people after centuries of struggle and are protected, first, by public under-standing and, second, by law.

Is John Locke, the great political philosopher, outdated since 1950 for holding that basic human rights exist in the nature of society and the nature of man instead of the whim of Government or in bits of paper?

Is it that Lord Scarman wants to bring the judiciary more into centre stage, where it can vie with Parliament; or is it that he wants to entertain lawyers to the picnic which the Convention would offer them?

Maybe if your readers could see part of the Convention, they could see what a poor document it is and contrast it with the great constitutional history of this isle, which is arguably the most precious national heritage, Yours sincerely, MALCOLM HILL,

142 Lexham Gardens, W8.

From Mr Christopher White Sir, Lord Denning accurately foresaw European Community legislation as an unstoppable tide. The weight of European law and its effect on our delicately held civil rights is something Lord Scarman might well have reflected on in setting out his case of a "Bill of Rights 1990".

In the preamble to the Single

War crimes trials From the Executive Vice-President of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues Sir, There is much agreement, even from leading jurists from our

own community, that it will be difficult to give alleged war criminals a fair trial so many years after the holocaust. However, Miss Amiel ("War

crimes: a flimsy case", January 3) commits an injustice against the members of Parliament who overwhelmingly supported the en-abling legislation when she affirms that the only harm that "old Nazis" can do us is "to force us to distort our system of justice in order to catch them".

Parliament has done no more than agree to enable the courts to bring to justice those who had become British citizens after their

Nuclear benefit

From Sir Bryan Thwaites Sir. 1990 is presaged to be a year of great turbulence in the governance of many historic countries, especially in Europe. Fifty technological years ago, these cir-cumstances would have had us quaking in our shoes at the prospect of another devastating international war.

As it is now, however, there are nuclear arsenals whose very existence must be exercising an unprecedented power for international peace. Perhaps, therefore, our first new year resolution should be to acknowledge with thankfulness the good which nuclear weapons do. Yours faithfully,

which is of major concern or

distress to the population should

be neglected by the fiscal system. Whether it is the aged dying of

cold or hospitals requiring medi-

cal equipment, these are gov-

erumental concerns.

B. THWAITES, Milnthorpe, Winchester, Hampshire. January 1.

The wider issue, which the article did not address, is whether charities should be necessary at all. Almost by definition no issue

if these concerns are not being addressed to the satisfaction of the electorate the democratic process should provide the machinery to either influence or replace the government. Where a government is electorally stable and popular it must generally be assumed that its allocation of tax revenues to charitable causes is at least subject to passive electoral approval.

Yours faithfully, JUSTIN TEMPLER, 11 Broadhurst Gardens West Hampstead, NW6.

From Mr Daniel A. Shine Sir, Rabbi Neuberger suggests that the Government should introduce a 1 per cent "charity tax". It could well be argued that the Government should give more money to these causes but it is not the place of the Government to teach morals to the nation.

Should legislation be introduced to force everyone to visit the sick once a week? Yours faithfully, DANIEL A. SHINE, 13 Singleton Road, Manchester 7. January 4.

European Act the British Government agreed that it was

determined to work together to promote democracy on the basis of the fundamental rights recognized in the constitutions and laws of the member states, in the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the European Social Charter, notably freedom, equality and social justice.

the future. In the meantime, member states which have enshrined their civil rights and liberties in written constitutions have less to fear in this respect from legislation drawn up in Brussels than do the British who remain out of step. The time for a Bill of Rights is

Such laudable principles are for

long overdue. Or are we to wait until Brussels or the European Court of Justice write one for us? Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER WHITE, Rue du Bemel 79, 1150 Brussels, Belgium.

January 4. From Mr R. C. H. Briggs

Sir, In the sort of case that presently ends up in Strasbourg it is unlikely that the appellant would be content with anything less than a decision of the ultimate court. The crucial provision is the right of individual petition under the Convention, accepted by the United Kingdom in 1966 but by France not until 1981.

Taking into account differences in the size of populations of member states and in the time of their acceptance of the right of individual petition, there are as many petitions to Strasbourg from states which have incorporated the Convention as from those that have not.

The "disturbing record" of the United Kingdom consists of findings by the European Court of Human Rights of 21 violations of the Convention (to the beginning of last year) in 23 years. It should be borne in mind that not infrequently only one of a number of violations alleged in a petition is held by the court to be made out. Yours faithfully, R. C. H. BRIGGS Campions, Stocksbridge Lane,

Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire. January 4.

alleged criminal action. It cannot be right that the attainment of the privilege of British citizenry should also include protection from prosecution for crimes for which they would have been liable had these been committed when

they were citizens. Whatever serious concerns we may have in regard to the practical consequences of this legislation, the British Parliament had no option but to prevent the country which had been the most heroic in its defence against Nazi Germany from becoming a baven of refuge for its criminals. Faithfully yours, SIDNEY BRICHTO,

Executive Vice-President Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues, The Montagu Centre,

109 Whitfield Street, W1. January 3.

Computer-speak From Ms Vivien Allen

Sir, Mr Chamuffin (December 30) may be interested in the explanation I was given recently when I complained to the dealer about an incomprehensible manual. Utterly baffled by the instructions on bow to programme my new fax machine I asked why so many manuals these days were written in "made up doggie-woggie words" – in Mr Chamuffin's splendid phrase.

The answer, I was told, was quite simple. Most manuals used to be written in English by English people. Nowadays many are written in Japanese by technicians and translated into English by other Japanese whose command of English is limited, to say the least. "If these things were made in Birm-ingham instead of Japan or Korea you wouldn't be having this problem", he concluded. Yours faithfully, VIVIEN ALLEN, 8 Scarlett Road. Castletown, Isle of Man. December 30.

Gallery parties

From Mr Bernard Dunstan, RA Sir, Mr Cecil Gould's letter (December 27) underlines the fact that the solitary student who is not a member of a group has become the least-considered part of the gallery's public. It is common to see in the National Gallery a party of small children sitting on the floor while they are being given a talk; they are very charming and well-behaved and are doubtless learning a lot, but they effectually seal off from close consideration half-a dozen or so pictures for the duration of their lesson. Any big exhibition at the Royal Academy can be rendered almost impossible to enjoy because of school parties.

Would it not be possible to set aside one day a week in which no parties were admitted? Then elderly, as well as young students on their own would have a chance. Yours sincerely, BERNARD DUNSTAN. 10 High Park Road, Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

December 29.

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Levels of stress among teachers

From Professor Emeritus Ivor H. Mills

Sir, The words of Cardinal Basil Hume must be considered carefully, though, as you point out in your editorial (January 4), pay is only one factor in determining the status of teachers in society.

Increased demands upon teachers have arisen in a variety of ways which were already definable years ago when I indicated that teachers were becoming disproportionately represented in medical conditions related to stress (letters, May 14, 1975). Over the years since then the subject of stress in schools has been by far the commonest lecture I have been asked to give - to teachers' conferences, parent-teachers' meetings, teachers-training coleges, and even meetings of HM inspectors of schools.

As Cardinal Hume said, teachers have been struggling to have increases in salaries, but the authorities have been simultaneously urged to get value for money and have demanded more responsibilities, more administration, and more hours of active teaching. This applies not only to school teachers, but also to teachers at technical colleges, polytechnics and universities.

The teaching profession tends to attract perfectionists, who devote long hours to preparing material and put great energy into presentation, especially when the teacher has to compete with last night's exciting television to hold the children's attention.

Offering more money only in return for much more intense dedication to teaching eventually encourages the perfectionist to push, especially herself, near the limit of tolerance. Those women who are married frequently feel that many of the home responsibilities are particularly theirs, even when they have helpful husbands. Friction at home and break-up of marriages then increase.

Pressures at polytechnics and, to a slightly lesser extent, at universities have also increased, particularly in that teachers find it more difficult to be allowed to use time for research in their subject as demands for more hours of teaching are made on them. Not only does life then become less interesting for them, but the build up of pressures is one of the factors causing teachers to leave their chosen work.

Teachers who do not care very much do not drive themselves in response to pressure and are less likely to suffer under such strain. The most dedicated teachers are the very ones who will respond to more demanding teaching circumstances, even to the extent of having their health suffer. Res ignation because of ill-health or loss of job satisfaction occurs and either way, society runs the risk of losing the most valuable section of the teaching profession. Yours faithfully, IVOR H. MILLS,

Douglas House, Trumpington Road, Cambridge. January 4.

Aid for cathedrals From Professor Margaret

Macketth Sir. Our cathedrals are the greatest works of art and architecture this

country possesses and it is essentrai that such a major part of our national heritage is properly protected from the ravages of time and the unwitting damage inflicted by the many millions of VISILOTS. Mr Edwards's proposals (De-

cember 30) would inevitably lead to cathedrals becoming leisure activity at worst or museums at best. It would be disastrous to make these beautiful religious buildings the responsibility of local authorities, who, despite your correspondent's trusting view, are the worst owners of listed buildings in the country. There are thousands of build-

ings in local authority ownership which are neglected and often ill used, because there is not the money, the professional skills, or the will to give them high priority. Or they become the centre of a theme park or activity museum,

A "National Trust" for our cathedrals and parish churches would be the most appropriate body, with architectural conservation professionals and craftsmen to call upon, sensitive national promotion for tourism and local supervisory groups.
Yours faithfully,
MARGARET MACKETTH, 104 Breck Road,

January 1. **Riding in the Row**

Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire.

From Mr Gerald Leach Sir, I wonder if the proposed improvements to Rotten Row (report, January 2) will also bring an improvement in the standard of dress of the riders who use it. In my riding days, some 30 years ago, even jodhpurs were considered to be "not quite the thing"; well-cut breeches, boots, spurs and bowler were almost always worn. Nowadays, I see riders in very odd clothing, including jeans and tennis shoes.

The only properly turned out riders one sees now are Household Cavalry officers. Yours faithfully GERALD LEACH. 14 Rookwood Avenue, Moor Road, Baguley, Greater Manchester.

January 3.

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NEWS

Royal engagement

The Duke of Gloucester, as president, will attend the launch of Parents Against Tobacco 1990 at the London Press Centre

The Lord Elwyn-Jones

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of The Lord Elwyn-Jones will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Thursday, February 8, 1990. Applications for tickets are to be made in writing to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 8, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SWIP 3PA, enclosing a stamped ad-3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by not later than Thursday, January 25. Tickets will be posted on Thursday, February 1. All are welcome to attend.

Luncheon

Management Consultancies
Association Sir Robert Haslam, Chairman British Coal, was Guest of Honour at luncheon yesterday given by the Management Consultancies Association, at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Mr David Miller, President of the Association, presided.

Dinners

Dr Arthur Hollman was a speaker at a dinner discussion held last night at the Athe-naeum. Sir Francis Avery Jones

The Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Mrs Susan E. Wil-liams, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr Christopher L. Pollard, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Mrs Beti Jones, Sir Cennydd Traherne, President of Cardiff Business Club and Mr Brian Thomas, Chairman of Cardiff Business Club, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The Guest Speaker was Sir Colin Marshall, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive,

British Airways plc. Mr Prys Edwards, Chairman Wales Tourist Board, presided.

SOCIAL | School announcements | OBITUARIES

The Cheltenham Lanes'
College
The term opens today at The
Cheltenham Ladies' College.
Half term is from Friday, February 16, (1.00 pm) to Wednesday, February 21, inclusive. The
New Zealand Diocesan Choir
will arrive in Cheltenham on
Thursday, January 11, and will
sing at a service in the Princess
Hall on Sunday, January 14, at
6.30 pm. The College Choir will
sing Evensong in Bristol Cathedral at 5.15 pm on Thursday,
February 22. The Combined
Concert with Cheltenham College, a performance of Handel's School's foundation will be marked on January 20 when

marked on January 20 when there will be a meeting for Thanksgiving and the opening of new School House.

The J.B. Hodgkin Speech Competition is on March 10 at 11.30 when the adjudicator will be Louis Blom-Cooper Q.C. Jesus Christ Superstar will be performed from March 15-17, and the Old Leightonian Centensry Dinner will be at the House of Commences on Masch 24. Any O.L. who has not received details of the Centensry celebrations should contact the School. Concert with Cheltenham College, a performance of Handel's Santson, will take place at 7.30 pm on Sunday, March 11, at Cheltenham Town Hall. End of term, Saturday, March 24, after Leaving Prayers which take place at 10.00 am.

Reef School. Chians, Surrey Term begins today and ends on March 21. Andrew Noakes is Captain of School, Peter Howgate continues as Vice Captain and will also be Captain of Hockey. Stainers' Crucificion will be sung in Chapel on March 18. The Old Recdoman Dinner will be held a School on Friday. March 23.

Westminster School
Leat Term begins today. There
are 871 members of the School,
610 in the Great School and 261
in the Under School. Mr Audrew Bateman joins the Great
School as Head of Art. The
Glass Menagerie will be performed from January 31 to
February 2 and Le Jeu de
l'Amour et du Hasard will be
from February 14 to 16. Exeat is
from February 3 to 13. The Climate College
Term begins today. John
Hambly (School House) is Head
of School and Richard Smith
(Wiseman's House) Second
Head of School. The Alberni
String Quartet will be in residence from January 11-13.
Confirmation by the Bishop of
Bristol will be on Sunday,
March 11. The premiere of The
Necessary Betrayal, an Oratorio
by Nigel Dodd, will be performed in the Colston Hall on
Sunday, March 18. The Modern
Language plays will feature from February 8 to 13. The School Concert, Besthoven's Choral Symphony will be per-turned at St James's, Piccachily, on March 10, and in Weston March 10, and in West-minster Abbey on March 15. The Tizard lecture will be given on February 22 by Dr Richard Dawkins. The Right Rev Edward Kampo Fisher will offi-ciate at the Confirmation Ser-vice in the Abbey on February 23. Term each on March 16. Weldingham School

Woldingham School
The Spring Term begins on
Tuesday, January 9, 1990.
Chara Misukanya continues as
Head Girl with Gillian Crotty
and Christina Stead as Deputy
Head Girls. The following
awards have been made for
1990-91: Woldingham Scholarships - Hannah Kiernan (Laverock School); Prudence Shelton'
(Granville School); Woldingham Prize - Katrina Adam
(Copthorne School). A production of West Side Story is to be
staged March 1-3, 1990, Term
ends March 23, 1990.

Forthcoming marriages

Chigwell School, Essex Lent Term at Chigwell School starts today and ends on March 23. Mr P.R. Bowden takes up his

23, Mr P.R. Bowden taxes up ms appointment as Master of the Junior School. The House Music Festival is on March 22. Harsnett Scholarship examina-

Transment Scholarship examina-tions will be held on January 18. The Shrove Tuesday Supper is on February 27. Old Chigwell-lans who wish to attend should contact the Headmaster's

Language plays will feature works in Italian and French by Dario Fo and Moliere, and will be performed on March 14 and

15. Exeat is from February 17 to

20 (inclusive) and term ends on March 23. The OC Reunion will be held on May 12 and 13, for those born between January 1, 1931, and December 31, 1937.

Leighton Park School, Reading Spring Term at Leighton Park School Reading Spring Term at Leighton Park School begins today and ends on Saturday 24th March. 1990 is the school's Centenary and this will be celebrated in both the Spring and Sammer terms. Sir Leon Brittan will give the Centenary Lecture on January

Scoreinzy.

Mr R.A. Scott The engagement is announced between Roderick, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald Scott, of Wisborough Green, West Sussex, and Jane, daughter of Mr John Trehearne, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and The Hou Lady Brinckman, of Ciren-cester, Gloucestershire.

Mr A.D. Peel and Miss C.P. Stalence

The engagement is announced between Angus David, third son of Dr and Mrs G.W.B. Peel, of Bridgement and the control of the con Bridgwater, Somerset, and Clare Paula, youngest daughter of Sir Ross and Lady Stainton of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr J.M.B Peel

and Ms. M.D. Mehr The engagement is announced between Jeremy Michael Bryan, eldest son of Dr and Mrs G.W.B. Peel, of Bridgwater, Somerset, and Monika Dagmar eldest daughter of Herrn and Frau C.W. Meier, of Karbach, West Germany.

Mr. C.R. Baker and Mint L.C. Jackson

The engagement is announced between Guy Ernest, elder son of Mr and Mrs Lewis Baker, of Great Hallingbury, Essex, and Lynn Catherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Jackson, of Tyldesley, Lancashire.

Mr D.H. Bird and Mha G.M. Sellick

The engagement is announced between David, only sou of Mr and Mrs R.W. Bird, of 32 Glenalmond, Sunningdale, Norwich, and Georgina, elder daughter of Mrs Caroline Sellick and the late Mr Christopher Sellick, of Dorneys, Eversley

Cross, Hampshire. Mr M. Cox and Miss F.R. Walker

The engagement is announced between Meyrick, younger son of Dr and Mrs J.J. Cox, of Kynnersley, Shropshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr H. Walker, of Thorpe Mande ville, Northamptonshire, and Mrs C.M.G. Hendy, of Hathersage, Derbyshire,

Mr D.L. Crawley

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Crawley, of Pickering North Yorkshire, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Proctor, of

Mr D.C.L. Davidson and Miss F.J. Campbell and Miss F.J. Campbell
The engagement is announced between Cameron, eldest son of Mrs M.E.F. Davidson, of Edinburgh, and the late Mr W.F. Davidson, and Fiona, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs A.D. Campbell, of Littlebeck Hall, Gilstead, Bingley, Yorkshire.

Mr P.L. Follori and Miss L.M. Petosa

The engagement is announced between Pierre, only son of Mr Pierre Follari and the late Mrs Joan Follari, of London SW15, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael F. Petosa,

of New York Mr L. Hamesond and Miss A.J.L. Boyes

The engagement is announced between Laurance, son of Mr and Mrs S. Hammond of Loughton, Essex, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Boyce of St. Mellons, Cardiff. Mr P.L. Haviland and Miss M.L. West

The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Julian and Caroline Haviland, of Penge, London, and Marlene, on renge, London, and Marlene, younger daughter of Dennis and Ina Watt, of Lerwick, Shetland.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Kortright, cricketer, Breatwood, Essex, 1871; Chaim Bialik, poet, Rady, Ukraine, 1873; John Watson, psychologist, Greenville, South Carolina, 1878; Lascelles Abertary crombie, poet and critic, Ashton-upon-Mersey, 1881; Karel

The engagement is announced between Tim, second son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Hislop of Geinas House, Bodisri, Clwyd, and Nicola Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. McLeod, of 101, Woodcote Valley Road, Puriey,

Mr R R Jakeson and Miss J.L. Wooldridge

and Miss J.L. Woolgrage
The engagement is announced
between Richard Bryan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.P.
Jakeman, of Hitcham, Suffolk,
and Jesny Lucinda, younger
daughter of Mr and Mrs G.F.
Wooldridge, of Worfield,
Shrooshire.

Mr M.S. Jupe

and Ms J.B. Ingham
The engagement is announced between Michael Sunley, elder son of Mr and Mrs T.D. Jupe, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, and Jennie, only daughter of Mrs I.B. Jacobs, formerly of

Mr P.G. Labb and Mrs G.M. Smith

The engagement is announced between Percival G. Lobb, JP, of Pousanooth, Truro, Corawall, and Gwendolen M. Smith of Devoran, Truro, Cornwell, widow of Stephen Smith,

Mr J.E. Lucus and Miss L.Y. Birk

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffry Lucas, of Burwash, Susses, and Liselotte, daughter of Mr Knud-Erik Birk, of Hillerod, and Mrs Ole Moller-Petersen, of Naerum, Denmark.

Mr P.J. Mirror

and Miss V. Sporte The engagement is announced between Peter James, eldest son of the Reverend D.H. Mason and Mrs Mason, of Lytham St Annes, Lancs, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.G. Sporle, of Seville Court, Fairhaven, Lytham St Annes.

Mr R.G. Mannes
and Miss S.J. Chance
The engagement is announced
between Robert Gervais, son of
Mr and Mrs Donald Manson, of Bramley, Surrey, and Screna Jane, daughter of Mr Andrew Chance, of Caldbeck, Cumbria, and Mrs Valerie Owen Hughes, of Chester.

Mr W.H. Morrie and Miss M.J. Link

The engagement is announced between William Hazlitt, only son of Mr and Mrs D.H. Morris, of Lydiate, Liverpool, and Michelle Jeannine, only daughter of Mr W.J. Link, of Syracuse N.Y., and Mrs P.E. Link, of Canasion N.Y.

Mr D.C.F. Myers and Miss K.S. Haig
The engagement is announced between D'Arcy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Myers, of Easton Royal, Wiltshire, and Kathryn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Haig, of Aldwick, West Same

Birthdays today

Major D.S. Allhusen, equestrian Olympic medallist, 76; Mr Jus-tice Alliott, 58; Mrs M.L.S. Bennett, former principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 77; Sir Rudolf Bing, former general manager, Metropolitan Opera, New York, 88; Mr Ken Brown, golfer, 33; Sir John Buckley, former chairman. Davy Cornorformer chairman, Davy Corpor-ation, 77; Mr Clive Dunn, actor, 68; Sir Graham Eyre, QC, 59; Mr Michael Gifford, chief exec-Mr Michael Guttoro, chier exec-utive and managing director, Rank Organisation, 54; Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, 90; Father Benedict Green, theologian, 66;

Capek, Male Svatonnovice, Czechoslovakia, 1890; Dame Gracie Fields, Rochdale, Lan-

cashire, 1898. DEATHS: Napoleon III, emperor of the French 1852-70, Chislehurst, Kent, 1873; Katherine Mansfield, writer, Fontainebleau, France, 1923; Karl

Mr A.M.F. Orange and Miss. T.A. White

V.T. Wynn, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr G.W. Rogers and Miss S.J. Ranger

The engagement is announced between George, younger son of Commander and Mrs G.C.B. Rogers, of Newton Valence, Ahon, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. Ranger, of Hambrook, Chichester.

Mr C.H. Shephent and Miss F.J. Weight

The engagement is announced between Daniel ffrons, only son of the late Mr Edwin Sykes and of Mrs Diana Sykes, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, and

Mr R.B. Waldner Jur and Miss R.C. Come

Mr A.P.J. Watties and Miss N.S. Bedsell

of Nash Court, Boughton, Faversham, Kent.

only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G. Egan of Dorchester, Dorset.

Mr Terry Hands, artistic director, Royal Shakespeare Company, 49; Mr David Holbrook, author, 67; Mr L.J. Holliday, author, 67; Mr L.J. Holliday, former chairman, John Laing Construction, 69; Mr Raymond Horrocks, former chairman, Austin Rover Group Holdings, 60; Sir Michael Jenkins, diplomat, 54; Sir Glyn Jones, former governor-general, Malawi, 82; Mr Richard Nixon, former President of the United States, 77; Mr Justice Ognall, 56; Admiral Sir Frederick Parham, 89; Mr Ralph Tubbs, architect. 89; Mr Ralph Tubbs, architect, 78; Mr Geoffrey Wragg, race-horse trainer, 60; Miss Susannah York, actress, 48.

Mr W. Alexander

The engagement is announced between Andrew Michael Ford youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Orange, and Teresa Anne, elder daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs Frank White, of Barnes,

Mr P.J. Padfield and Miss L.J. Wynn

The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.G. Padfield, of Saltford, Bristol, and Lynette, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs

The engagement is immorrated briween Charles Henry, only son of the late Mr and Mrs H.B. son of the late Mr and Mrs H.B., Shepherd, of Castlemorton, Worcestershire, and Felicity Jane, youngest daughter of Mrs Jean Wright, and of the late E. Hedley Wright, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

Mr D.ff. Sykes and Miss J.Y. Cherrington

June Yvonne only daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Cherrington, of Harold Hill, Essex. Mr A.J. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Andrew John, son of Mr and Mrs MJ. Taylor, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, and Fiona Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Hobbs, of Brockenhurge Hammschire. Brockenhurst, Hampshire,

The engagement is amounted between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Waldner, of Wayland, Massachusetts, and Belinda, daughter of Mrs Penel-ope Came, of Andwell Hampshire and the late Brigadier Ken

and Miss N.S. Memors
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs T.P. Watkins of Chisle daughhurst, Kent, and Nicola, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Redsell,

Mr G. Wantield and Miss F.J. Egan The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W.T. Wingfield of Poole, Dorset and From Jane,

actor.

Law A Memorial Service for the life of Mr W. Alexander Law, OBE, MD, FRCS, will be held at St Dunstan's Church, Stepney High Street, London E1, on Manheim, sociologist, London, 1947.

London, 1947.

at advocacy with a searching social conscience, eager to humanize the workings of the law while retaining an evenhanded sense of justice. The Labour Party was the vehicle for achieving his ideals, but be was never dogmatic and his outward coolness sometimes disguised the passion of his

For someone who was once attracted to the stage as a rival to the Bar, he lacked histri-onics both in his advocacy and his politics. He made little impact on the public. But in the end the policies he sup-ported in the field of the law did - and for him that would have been preferable.

beliefs. He was committed but

Lord Gardiner, PC, CH, who died on January 7, aged 89, was one of the great reforming Lord Chancellors of the cen-

tury. In the six years 1964-70, either as a result of his

advocacy or with his enthu-

siastic support, the Ombuds-man and Family Division of

the High Court were created

and capital punishment was abolished. He initiated moves

for overhauling the machinery

of the courts and was mainly responsible for setting up the

Though he was at one time one of the highest earners at the Bar, he tempered his skill

Law Commission.

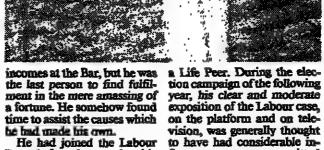
Gerald Appain Gardiner was born on May 30, 1900. He was educated at Harrow and at Magdalen College, Oxford; at the University he had the musual distinction of becoming President both of the Union and of the OUDS. He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1925. As a youth he had acted in a West End production with Gerald Du Maurier, who thought highly of his talents, and the stage had lifelong appeal for

By the time war broke out in 1939, Gardiner had built up a flourishing junior practice. Something of his mental and spiritual development over the years could be seen from the fact that, having been commissioned in the Grensdier Guards at the end of the First World War, he served in First World War, he served in the Friends' Ambulance Unit during the Second. He re-turned to his practice in 1945, took Silk in 1948, and during the following 16 years achieved a commanding pos-

ition at the Bar. In Court he was fearless, tenacious and imperturbable. He was a muster of the most important forensic gift of all that of lucid exposition. As a speaker he was quiet, fluent Capital Punishment, and was capital punishment was aboland mellifluous; an experiunsparing in his efforts on its ished. The laws concerning popular among them.

accompanied by his registraenced observer described his behalf. These manifold abortion and homosexuality Gardiner always said that tion for the degree of Bachelor linal speech for the defence in the Lady Chatterley's Lover case (perhaps the most famous

was carning one of the biggest



Party before the war, but his active political experience was confined to a creditable "nearmiss" when he contested the Conservative seat of West Croydon in 1951. He sat on the Lord Chancellor's Law Reform Committee; he became Chairman of the Society of Labour Lawyers and of the executive committee of Justice; for three years he was an Alderman of the London County Council; he served for a period as a director of the cellor for six eventful years New Statesman. His passion from 1964 to 1970. It would be for law reform found expression in one book which he wrote - Capital Punishment as a Deterrent (1956) and in

to which he contributed -Law Reform Now (1964). The abolition of the death penalty was perhaps the subject on which he felt most strongly of all. He was joint-Chairman (with Victor Gollancz) of the National

another which he edited and



LORD GARDINER

exposition of the Labour case. vision, was generally thought to have had considerable influence among uncommitted intellectual" voters.

When, following his narrow victory at the polls, Mr Wilson became Prime Minister, it was entirely predictable that he should choose Gardiner to be Lord Chancellor. He was the first man in modern times to fill the position without having previously sat either in the House of Commons or on the Gardiner was Lord Chan-

wrong to claim that he derived equal satisfaction from all the variegated duties which belong to the office. He was not really a politician, and he was ideologically perhaps less a socialist than an advanced

and very independent radical. In the field of law reform, on the other hand, he remained as zealous and as energetic in his 60s as he had been in his 40s. What he Campaign for the Abolition of regarded as the shame of preoccupations did not pre- were humanized. Other rad- he would retire at 70, and that of Arts, vent him from giving, as ical changes in the Criminal all holders of judicial office in 1977. were humanized. Other rad- he would retire at 70, and that of Arts, which he was awarded Chairman of the Bar Council, Law (notably the 1967 Crim-should do the same. In fact, a

Law Commission, which was glad to retire when he did.

He had worked immensely hard for the whole of his adult. sive assignment of exploring (among other things) some of life, and he welcomed the the legal lumber-rooms on prospect of a period of which the dust of generations had accumulated. The Family Division of the High Court, and the Ombudsman, among most exacting the projects on which he was marriage. very keen, came into

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He broke with precedent in appointing a businessman (Lord Beeching) as Chairman of the Royal Commission charged with the daunting task of overhauling the whole machinery of the criminal courts. He warmly welcomed its far-reaching recommenda-tions which, after his retirement, were embodied in the 1971 Courts Act. He also paid great attention to judicial appointments. He was pleased to be able to add to the number of women holding office, and he appointed the first woman High Court Judge; this involved a breach in the age-old male exclusiveness on the Inns of Court Benches, a revolutionary event which gave him decided

Gardiner took a special interest in, and expressed considerable admiration for, the working of the lay mag-istracy. He instituted the first comprehensive and compulsory training programme for JPs, who thus gradually ceased to be the great unlearned while remaining the creat unpaid. It was entirely consistent with his radical outlook that he wanted to widen the class and occupational base from which the Justices were drawn, and he made strennous efforts to recruit a much higher proportion of weekly wage-earners to

In spite of all this bustling activity, Gardiner remained a strangely remote figure. To the disappointment of his admirers, he made little impact on the general political scene, and he remained to the end almost mknown to the general public. Perhaps his natural shy-ness, combined with his distaste for the trivia of party warfare, combined to bring this about. He was, in all his official contacts, courteous, approachable and receptive; there was no suggestion about him of de haut en bas, but there was also little impression of warmth. On the other hand, no one could have cerned with their welfere and

Reforming Labour Lord Chancellor who set out to humanize the law comparative lessure — ea-pecially as his departure from the Woolsack coincided almost exactly with his second

He continued for a time to sit on the Opposition Front Bench in the Lords, but in-1971 he departed to the back benches, saying that he hoped to introduce some Bills of his ! own "and even have some

He continued to speak of

ten, vigorously and eleganity, in debates in the House and outside it, on the many subjects about which he felt strongly — criminal justice, penal reform, prison conditions, immigration and civil liberties among them. A name ber of organisations sought and were enthusiastically given, the benefit of his experience and expertise. He was the chairman of the Justice committee whose proposals were to lead to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, which allowed minor offenders to lead their lives unburdened by their previous criminal record. He subsequently be came Chairman of Justice. Among his other offices, he was elected to membership of the International Commi of Jurists and was President of the Howard League for Penal Reform, Only failing health curtailed his active participa-tion on behalf of causes in

much he believed.

The affairs of Northern beland claimed his attention on two occasions. In 1972 he served on a government-appointed committee inquiring into the questioning of terrorist suspects. His minority. opinion that the methods of interrogation then being used by the security forces were unacceptable, was to have greater impact than the less critical view expressed by the committee's other two members. In 1975 his conclusion, as chairman of another government committee, that detention without trial was justified in the circumstances. then permining in the Province, came as a surprise tosome of his supporters.

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which he believed.

Nothing so demonstrated Gardiner's continuing and wide-ranging interests and curiosity during his years of retirement as his decision to been more considerate to embark on a course of further wards his staff, more con- study. His appointment as accompanied by his registra-Gardiner always said that tion for the degree of Bachelor

In 1925 Gardiner married of the many causes celebres in which he appeared) as unique in legal history.

In December, 1963, on the During this period Gardiner

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Law (antaly in 1970 time days after his 70th birth- Lesly Trounson, who; died in few days after his 70th birth- Lesly Trounson, who; died in day, as a result of the 1970 1966; they had one daughter, and the 1964 time day, as a result of the 1970 he married Mrs. He was almost entirely went into opposition. It is Muriel Box, who sirvives

Wilson, Gardiner was created responsible for setting up the pretty certain that Gardiner him. **TERRY-THOMAS**

Lovable star of nonsense comedy films

Terry-Thomas, the actor and comedian who played the He was one of the "Stars in "silly ass" Englishman in doz-Battledress" who entertained ens of films, died yesterday, the troops during the war and aged 78 after a long battle afterwards reached the West against Parkinson's Disease. End in a Sid Field revue,

He first became widely known through television in the early 1950s and was one of the first stars to be made by that medium. His trademarks were a gap in the front of his teeth, cigarette holder, ornate waistcoat and carnation and a drawling upper-class voice that used words like "rotter" and "stinker" with great relish and even made "good show!"
into a national catchphrase. Once established, the charac- in television terms. The series ter changed little but it trans-ferred so successfully to the to lucrative offers from the cinema that Terry-Thomas became an international film star, much in demand in the

United States and on the European continent. He was born Thomas Terry Hoar Stevens in London on July 14, 1911, and educated at Ardingly College. After working in a grocery firm, he entered show business by way film comedy and his credits of amateur theatricals, work as over this period included

Edinburgh University to study

Rapidly finding the Univer-

sity's dramatic society more

exciting and rewarding than

its school of architecture,

plans and, on leaving college, came south to audition for the

London Academy of Music

architecture

His first starring film was the Boulting Brothers' Private's Progress in 1956 and in it Terry-Thomas, as the CO, described his men as "an absolute shower," a phrase that was to stay with him. For about five years he was an indispensable part of British

Piccodilly Hayride.

But his career really took off

through the television series

began in 1950. Television comedy at that time was

dominated by artists from

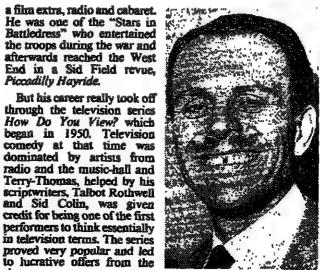
radio and the music-hall and

scriptwriters, Talbot Rothwell

and Sid Colin, was given

credit for being one of the first

performers to think essentially



Jack, Lucky Jim, Carleton-Browne of the FO, The Naked Truth, Happy is the Bride, Blue Murder at St Trinian's and School for Scoundrels. With Peter Sellers, Ian Carmichael, Margaret Rutherford and others he formed an unofficial repertory company.

Eventually the vogue for Ibiza and started, in effect, a Tiger and Cushan.

international arena. He made his first American film, Bachparts, as Jack Lemmon's valet in the black comedy, How to Murder Your Wife. He was also a frequent performer on American television, appearing with Danny Kaye, Judy Garland, Andy Williams and others; but a return to the BBC in 1968 with a series called The Old Campaigner had only a modest impact. In the cinema, meanwhile,

his speciality was becoming the small "guest" role which meant that he was turning up in half a dozen or more pictures a year. Few were memorable but among the better known were The Wonderful World of the Broth-ers Grimm, It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World and, in Britain, Those Magnificent In the late 1960s he moved to

this sort of film passed but by new career in French and the time it did Terry-Thomas Italian films, often appearing had moved from being a with the French comic actor, purely British actor into the Bourvil. His career was interrupted by illness in the 1970s but he elor Flat, in 1961, and four returned to play the prison years later had one of his best governor in The Last Remake

> villes, with Peter Cook and Dudley Moore. But Parkinson's Disease eventually forced him to give up acting and abandon his substantial properties in Spain. Bills for medical treatment ate up his capital and by the mid-1980s he was living in a small flat in south-west

of Beau Geste and the villain, Mortimer, in the 1977 version

of The Hound of the Basker-

London provided by a churchcharity. When his plight became known show business col leagues put on a benefit show for him at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in April 1989, though he was too ill to attend. His first marriage to the dancer Ida Patlanski was dis-Men in their Flying Machines. solved in 1962. By his second wife, Belinda, he had two sons

IAN CHARLESON

Classical stage actor who found celebrity on the screen

Ian Charleson, who died on the Young Vic company of the Sunday at the age of 40 of late 1960s. septicaemia after a courageous It was, he later recalled, a struggle against Aids, was mainly known for his role in difficult time: "At college I had been a very flashy, noisy actor but at LAMDA they told the film Chariots of Fire and also as a National Theatre me to lose all of that and learn The son of an Edinburgh The son of an Edinburgh After a couple of seasons at printer, he grew up in a the Young Vic, Charleson working-class area of the city. progressed to the Cambridge Arts where he gave his first Then he won a scholarship to

Hamlet ("Nobody saw it, but I

National Theatre to play Octa-

vius in Julius Caesar and in a

learned a lot").

He then came to the West End for the first time as the student in Pinter's production of Simon Gray's Otherwise Charleson altered his future Engaged (1975).

plans and, on leaving college, From there, he joined the



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wooden hame. Charleson then crossed Waterloo Bridge to the Royal Shakespeare Company at the than Miller BBC television and Dramatic Arts from Michael Bogdanov Hunchwhere he was immediately back of Notre Dame for which starting out in The Tempest will and another Octavius) playing until two months be taken by Frank Dunlop into he made his first entrance and Taming of the Shrew and before renewing his film fore his tragic death.

memorably playing the defeated Hollywood screenwriter in Once in a Lifetime. His career was then turned from that of a promising young classical actor to that of a worldwide movie star with the role of Eric Liddell in Chariots of Fire. "There were not," he noted at the time, with characteristic reticence, too many young Scots actors who could run very fast, and besides my dad knew all about Liddell from the time he had become a local Scots hero with

the 1924 Olympics". After the film Charleson working in two of the Jona-

ending with Pinf and most career with Julie Covington in Ascendancy and moving on to roles in Derek Jarman's Jubilee and Richard Attenborough's Gandhi His later television work included J. G. Farrell's Tyoubles in which he played the

Major. But the last years of an all too short career were highlighted by three major and typically diverse National Theatre performances: first as the Broadway gambler Sky Masterson in Guys and Dolls. then as the alcoholic Brick in Tennessee Williams's Cat on a Hot Tin Roof and finally in a went back to Shakespeare, return to Hamlet as he took Over from Daniel Day Levels lanize the law

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DEATHS

AMERICAN STATUS - On June sty 7th 1990, processibly at home. Alice (non Mediand), read 60, dearly loved widow of Frank and devoted attent to of Frank and devoted sum to John, Nell, Carlston and the size Joanne. Service of Thanksgiving at 8t Mary's. Baylord, at 12 moon on Tuesday January 16th. Jollowing private forestal and cressation. Family flowers on, Family flowers RABERAVE DEADE - On Pristay January Str 1990, at home Alexe Elizabeth (nice blancy Andrework). Dustries of Marry MacAsthur and williams Andrework, Modust of williams Andrework, Modust of

6th 1990, Edna Kalifest, et Musgrove Park Hospital, Tarmbon, aged 80, Dearly Jowel spatier of Hespital at Alexandra Hospital, Bestifich, one west affer her husband. Enably, of Beoley, Worcestershim, aged 84 years, Revised joint funeral at 1,350 on Thursday January 11th at St Leouard's Church, Booley, No flowers, but donellons if desired to the hospital.

BURKE - On January Std. very tragically. Timothy James, aged 27. The dearly believed son of Patrick and Kalthess and enach loved brother of Stephen and Catherine and brother in-law of Jennifer. In our hearts and processors, new and attenue of Jennifer. In our meets and streets, now and atwenty. Pursual Service at Partin Church of 8t Mary, King Service, Action, Leocon wa, we Friday Amount 12th at 11.50 am. followed by private interment. Family Rowers only blease, but deadless in the memory to Certain. Aid accordated. Engavers to D.K. Sterpold. 118-161. Fatherion. Street. Sullitary, let. (0722) 28866.

In order that more food could be

in order that more food could be grown at home in the Second World War oast acreages of grassland were ploughed up including parkland that for generations had never been cultivated; this explains why to this day one may sometimes see handsome ornamental trees which had been spared standing up in great fields of corn in summer.

RETURN TO THE

PLOUGH

A MILLION ACRES

SCHEDULED

The maintenance of our arable

cultivation and the importance of

mixed farming were outstanding points in an address by Sir Reginald

Dorman-Smith, Minister of Agri-

culture, to members of the Farmers

Club at a meeting at the Royal Empire Society's Hall, Craven Street, W.C., last night, Mr. W. J.

Cumber, president of the club, presided.

SIX REGINALD DORMAN SMETTE SEICH

it was the desire of the Government and the agricultural industry to work

in close cooperation towards a com-

mon end. Since the outbreak of war

the spirit of cooperation had shown

itself abundantly in all sections of the

industry. As a nation our war aim

was to best our enemy, and on that

task the whole of our national effort

was concentrated, because if our

rational purpose were not to be achieved, life itself for many would be

without purpose. Once again to the

Tural community fell the duty and the

privilege of making a vital contribu-

tion to the needs of the country in a time of emergency. Their task for the next harvest had been laid down.

Agriculture was hard at work, and they hoped that they would be able to look back with justifiable pride to the

work done in 1939. They entered 1940 knowing that it would be a year

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BOWER - On Friday January
Sth at Bakcombe Piace.
Cornella (Nelia) aged 85.
Beloved sister of Roger and
the late Molly. Family
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Benevolent Fund. c/e Mrs H.
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16th. followed by Cremation
at Starrey and Suspex
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BRENNAM: On January 7th,
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Hospital, Harmpshire. Peter
Robert, beloved husband of
Edna and dear father of
Kale. Finneral Service.
Rothsey Abbey, on Friday
January 12th at 12 hoon.
Family flowers only, but
donations if desired to The
Abbeyfield Society. may be
sent to A.H. Chester Funeral
Directors. Romsey.

GAMPBELL - On January 3rd
1990, after a short illness.
Barbara Mary. aged 77. labe
of Henrietta Street, Bath.
South Parade. Bath. on
Monday January 15th at 10
am. Family flowers only.

GASH - On January 7th at 10
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CASH - On January 7th 1990.

Rhoma Catherine Burgess

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COUPER - On January 5th 1990, at Chateau du Village Private Nursing Home. Theodora Astiey Cooper, of Bentiey, Albect, Castel, Castrosey, Requiern Mass at S. Joseph's Church on Thursday January 11th at 9.30 am. Relatives and friends kindly accept this Intimation, flower may be seed to the Court interment Castel Cooper, on January 2nd.

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GOSHAR - On January 2nd.

suddenly at home. LL Cdr.
Derick Walter R.N. rgi. Very
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Margarel. children Colin and
cillian. also Friends. Funeral
Barvice at St Peter's Church.

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GOLL SON: On January 8th
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FLARR - On January 3rd, at Hove, after a long filness, Barbera Mary, aged 76 years; formerly of Wingston, Canterbury, Keal, Funetal Directors: A.H. Clarke & Sons (Tel. No. 0273 206204).

This peacefully, law Victor Lyon Ferguston, or this bonus Shourd Gower, but of Avon Dassen, aged 63 years. The filneral service will be held at Fanny Compton Church on Monday January 15th at 2 monday January 15th in 2 pm. Family flowers only. donations if desired to the Arteritis Research Council. c/o J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Barbury, OX16 fDC.

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ON THIS DAY

GOODMAN - On January 6th,
Dorothy, of Oswaldkirk,
Thank you Lord for her life.
David, Helen, Christopher,
Jonathan and Raches. Jonathan and Rachet.

GORDON - On December 31st.
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Service at Church of St
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MARMS = On January 2nd
1990, peacefully at Dannah
House. Wroughton. Wills...
Evelyn May. aged 91 years.
Loved and sadly missed by
her son David and
grandchildren Margaret and
Peter. Funeral at Swindon
Peternalorium on Monday
January 16th at 2 pm.
Family flowers only.

MAYMES = On Laurery 5th.

Family flowers only.

NAYNES - On January 5th,
Makel Alexandro, formerly
of Orphalus, Kent, aged 67,
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Douglas Haynes, a former
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Service at Beckenham
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Migraine Trust, c/o Doves Migraine Trust, c/o Doves Funerals, Orplington (0689) 70030. Cn. January Srd 1990. In hospital. Betty, of Oundle, wife of the late Dudley Heesom. Funeral Service will be held at St Peters Church, Quadle, on Wetherday January 17th at

Peter Church, Ounrille on Wednesday January 17th at 11.15 am. followed by crimation at Peterborouch Crematorium.

BMSON - Suddenly in London, John Francis Waterlied, beloved son of Dr., and Mrs Kenneth F.W. and Mrs Kenneth F.W. Himon of Standard and hrother of Josephine.

HOW - On January 3rd 1990. suddenly at Royal United Hospital. Bath. William Sawbridge. very dear nusham of Ludwins father of Stuart. Anthony and Helen and a jovial grandfather. Private cremation on Thursday January 18th at 3.20 pm. Family flowers in sprays suitable for use in old peoples' bornes to H & C Matthews. Funeral Director. 7 Ruminam Royal. Haling-Dury, Willia.

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BDWIII - On January Sth. at
The Lodge. Exeter. C.E.
(Bill). aged 83. Beloved
husband of the late Beth.
dearly loved father of
Elizabeth, Jennifer and
Susan, a loving grandfather
and organ crandfather.

Susan, a loving grandfather, and great grandfather, funeral Service Enter and Devon Cremstorium. Thursday January 11th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to the D.G.A.A., c/o The Lodge, Solow Road, Exter. Kalff, on January 7th, Joanna Edith, aged 86, at Panders, Midnier, widow of A.W. Kalff, younger daughter of Doctor and Mrs Roland Erinton and sauer of Mary Stocka and Raiph Brinton, goother of Colin Bullisu and transferring of Colin Bullisu and transferring Stocka Alexander and Dunwars.

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LEWIS - On January 6th 1990, percentily in her sterp, Nancte hebel, Widow of Nor and Sion.

Funeral at Surrey and Surrey and Susser Crematorium.

Balcombe Road, Crawley, at 2.15 pm on Friday January 12th. Flowers to Sumeman Funeral Service. Doran Court. Reigner Road. Rethill.

Landard Carting Court of the late Dethile and much loved Patter of Ann. Joanna and Elisabeth and Ioving Grampy to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-grandchi

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ARABLE FARMING

farm workers were asked to embark on the formidable task of ploughing

on the formidable task of ploughing up at least 2,000,000 acres of grassland. The response, so far, had been magnificent. Already, after less than 130 days of war, well over 1,000,000 acres in England and Wales alone had been placed and medical for

ploughing and much had already been ploughed. Very much more would have been turned over had it

not been for bad weather conditions.

The task allotted to farmers was at

least as great as that given to any

other section of the community. This, however, was only a first instalment because they must count

on the certainty of a stemer effort in

1940-41 if the war continued.

Reviewing the condition of the

industry and the changes which had taken place since the last War, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith referred to the continuous decline in anable

acreage which was not checked until

last year and to the great number of workers who had left the land. The

workers who had set the limb. The arts of ploughing and of cultivation, he said, might in some districts have become lost arts. No country could

exist that lost the art of husbandry of

its land. It was that line of thought that had prompted the policy of encouraging a return to the plough, of

giving a greater degree of security to the producer of oats and barley and

other crops. This was more than a policy for wartime emergency; the destiny of British farming was linked

up with a system of mixed farming.

and it was hoped that when peace returned that leason would not be

The immediate task was to pro-

duce the maximum amount of food in

the shortest possible time. No one

would dispute the need to increase

production by ploughing up, but indiscriminate ploughing would not ensure the best use of the soil. They

must select the land that would

respond best to ploughing and make preparations by drainage schemes for

their campaign next autumn.

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At the outbreak of war farmers and

Arriodo Lagren and Leslie, at the ege of 70. A private service was held in Lausanna, Switzerland on Monday January 8th. PORTER - On January 8th 1990, peacefully in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Bridgel Eva, aged 64 years, beloved wife of Basil, nother of Sarah, Jane Basil, mother of Sarah, Jane and Mary and grandmother to Jonathan, Edward, Vanessa, Dougal, Emily and Civilym, Funeral Service to be had at St. John's Roman Catholic Cathedra, Norwich, Norfolk, on Tuesday January 16th at 10 am No flowers by request, donations if desired may be sent to Meditingorie Piliprinuse Fund. The Apple Orchard. Bradenbarn, High Nycombe. Rucks. HDIA 4HD. 1940

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Lane, London NW10, on Wednesday January 10th at 2 pm.

10 Suddenly at home, Lionel, darling husband of Val. loving and dearly loved father of Justin and Graham and father-in-law of Dlana. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row, on Monday January 15th at 10.45 am. followed by family cremation. Family flowers only, please no lefters.

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Burchall. No flowers: donations in lieu if depred to either church. Requesced in SHEPPARD FIGLER . On January 4th, peacefully, following a short stay in a nursing home. Alwyn Gwilym. C.B.E., aged 80. Loved father, father-in-law and grandfather. Private and grandlather. Private cresultion Memorial Service in Relgate to be announced. Donations if desired to the Architects Benevolent

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SWAYTHLIME - On Triday
January 5th 1990. The Lord
Swaythling O.B.E. J.P.,
peacefully at his own home
in Sussex. Private Funeral.
No flowers by request.
Memorial Service
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EBORTON - On January 6th 1990, suddenly at home.
Edward (Ched), Much loved and most sadly missed by his wife Wendy, daughters Suzie and Jo, stepson Nicky, brothers Matthew and Andrew, his family and his very many friends. Funeral on January 9th at Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, Willesden, NW10, at 2,30 pm Prayers at Flat 1. 8 desired to Co-operative Funeral Service. Chapel of Rest

wife Wendy, daughlers Suzze and Jo, slepson Nicky, brothers Mauthew and Andrew, his family and his very many friends. Funeral on January 9th at Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, Willesden, NW10, at 2.30 pm Prayers at Flat 1, 8 Caren Street, London W1, at 6.30 pm. MARNEX - On January 6th 1990, at his home in London. Bourne Court, Colchester
URQUMART - On January 5th.
after a most gallant fight
against lithress. Christina
Campbell Howson, most
dearly loved wife of
Roderick Mackenzie
Urquhart and beloved
mother of Mhoire, Lesley
and Carol, Funeral Service at
Southamation Crematorium Bourne Court, Colchester marrian - On January eth 1990, at his home in London. Edward Alexander, hisband of Elesnor and latter of Edward, Anne and Robert. McKUDOZIE - On December 25th 1989, in his 87th year, Alexander William CDE 83. Alexander William CBE. BA. LLB. Late of Chistehursi. Kent. Civil Servant retired. Funeral 2.30 pm January 18th 1990 at Beckenham Southampton Crematorium (East Chapel), on Friday January 12th at 10 am. Flowers to Jno. Steel & Son.

Flowers to Jno. Steel & Son. Chesil House. Winchester.

WALKER - On January 4th 1990. after an accident and short illness. John Keith Downham, of Flest-lik House. St. Bees, dearly loved husband of Jackie Walker and father of Claire and Simon. Funeral at St. Bees Priory Church on Tuesday January 9th at 10.30 am. followed by cremation at Distington. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to the British Diabetic Association. 10 Queen Anne Streel. London Wilm OBD.

WILLIAMS - On January 5th BRLER - On January 6th, peacefully after a short illness, Dr. Harry Raymond (Pat) late Colonel R.A.M.C. Darling husband of Elleen and loving father of Jack and Mich and grandfather of Mich and grandfather of

and loving faither of Jack and Mirch and grandfather of Caroline. Funeral privale.

TTUFELL On January 5th 1990, peacefully at The Royal Victoria Hospital. Edinburgh. Jean Brown Mitchell, M.A. Fellow Emerita of Newnham College, Cambridge, Dearly loved Auni to all the family. Service at 8t Mary's Cathedral. Palmarsion Place. Edinburgh on Wednesday January 10th at 2 pm to which all friends are invited. Interment. thereafter in Mortonhall Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to which all friends are invited. Interment. thereafter in Mortonhall Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to william Purves. I Roseneath Street, Edinburgh. The Sent to William Purves. I Roseneath Street, Edinburgh.

TOTGAR On January 4th. in his 11th year. Rory Vernon, beloved son of lan and Moira and brother of Stuart. Nortess and Carriona. of Old Buckenham. Norfolk. In a skiling accident in the French Alps. Nemorial Service of 2.30 pm on Thursday January 11th at Thorpe Morteux Church, near Brettenham. Neer Stowmarket/Bury St. Edmunds/lpswich. Suffolk.

BUSGRAVE On January 5th. after a long illness bravely endured, Joyce (nee Cadman), of The Orchard, Potters Bank, Durham City. Cremation at Durham Crematorium on Thursday January 11th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donation be ampreciated. 10 Queen Anne Street.
London WIM OSD.
WILLIAMS - On January 5th
1990, peacefully at his home
in Highgale, Donald
Williams, aged 81. Beloved
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Requiern Mass on Thursday
January 11th at St Joseph's
Church, Highgate Hill at
10 05 am. followed by cre
mation at the West Chapel.
Golders Green Crematorium
at 11 am. Flowers to Kenyons, 9 Pond Street. London
NW3. by 9 am. or donations
If desired to the Cardiac
Catheter Lab Appeal. Grant
37 Special Trustees. Royal
Free Hospital, Pond Street.
London NW3.
WILLIAMS - On January 5th,
peacefully in Switzerland
following a pond dillness. peacefully in Switzerland following a short illness. William Donald Williams F.C.A. Private cremation in Switzerland into flowers. Memorial Servico in Malvern, details to be given

al a later date Donations in desired to Canter Research. PO Box 41, Malvern, or British Diabetic Association. British Diabetic Association. 10 Queen Anne Street. London W1. donations to Cancer Research, 17A Saville Row, Newcastie-upon-Tyne, would be appreciated.

MCOL - On January 3rd 1990, Maud Leslie, widow of Alexander Nicol, journalist, quietly in her 97th year at The Old Village School, Musslom Moreteyner, Beds.

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The discovery that some species of air-breathing fish can actively ventilate their lungs may lead to a greater understanding of how the first amphibians lived, nearly 400 million years ago.

This is the message of a report in the December 22 issue of Science (vol 246, pp 1593-1595), showing that some air-breathing fish called polypterids ventilate their lungs by using their thick, scaly skin as a kind of diaphragm.

matched sensitive measure-ments of pressure changes in the fishes' body cavities with sophisticated high-speed X-ray cinematography to reveal how the fishes breathed. Polypterids exhale by buckling their elastic, armoured skin, effectively decreasing the volume of the body. The skin then

recoils to assume its normal shape, and the lungs expand

with it, sucking in air. This is the basic principle Elizabeth I Brainerd, Karel F underlying breathing in reptiles, Liem and Christian T Samper of birds and mammals (which use the Museum of Comparative moveable ribs or a muscular Zoology at Harvard University diaphragm to ventilate the

lungs) but has never before been demonstrated convincingly in a fish or modern amphibian. Other air-breathing fishes do

things differently; the lungs are forced to expand as air is pumped through from the mouth. The air is simply gulped down by the fish and then "swallowed". In one sentence, the difference between lower vertebrates and higher vertebrates (and polypterids) is that the former blow air into the lungs, whereas the latter suck.

The key to the polypterid method of breathing is the elastic skin covered in an ar-

mour of thick, interlocking scales. This chain mail covers the entire fish from nose to tail, and other primitive fish are similarly armour-plated. So too, presumably, were the air-breath-ing fish that first ventured onto land: fossils of ancient amphibians show that many of them had ans show that many of them had body armour. The researchers suggest that they could also have breathed in a similar way.

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When it is right to cry wolf

TELEVISION Jasper Rees

thing needs changing in the way BBC Bristol's Natural History Unit makes programmes, but a series called Survivors (BBC 1) has come at nature from a new direction — the

For some of last night's first episode, the lens pretended to see things the way wolves do, in particular a small pack of them which 10 years ago misaculously which 10 years ago attractionally cropped up in a part of Sweden, quite far south, where wolves had not been seen for decades, and which soon found itself confronting human prejudice from the wrong end of a gas.

Though different resonances

will clearly have to be found in subsequent programmes on locusts, newborn kangaroos, bald eagles and mahogany trees, the effect sought and found in "The Wolf Saga" was to reverse the roles assigned to man and beast in cheap werewolf horror flicks. With a soundtrack of heavy panicked breathing accompanying the camera's trek through the scrubby forest undergrowth, the wolf's eyeview was implicitly that of the mated as opposed to the hunter. A nature film whose subject is,

for much of the duration, the one thing removed from the viewer's vision has its limitations, and this film also relied, like any other, on the more conventional traits of the genre — an expanse of beautiful landscape photography, spectace-lar fauna and fowl. But the emphasis was less on prettiness than polemic. Lupine facts that tend not to see the light of day (in Sweden the bee is statistically more lethal than the wolf, for example) combined in Stephen Mills's edifying film to re-cast man in a role he must be getting used to by now — that of measter. used to by now - that of monster,

is a report on apartheid in South African sport, World is Action (ITV) was unable to guarantee a cosier fate for Mike Gatting's krugerrand cricketers, soon to begin their rebel tour, than that which the wolves have suf-

meland, where he has not been welcome for over 20 years, to look into the claim that South African cricket has put its own house in order, the anti-apartheid activist Peter Hain came up with what looked like irrefutable images of sporting segregation: the cricket pitch at Hain's old school, for example, was green and pleasant; the nearby pitch for non-whites was a grey gravel dustbowl. Though the programme began with Gattling professing his faith in evidence that in the country to which he has sold his wares the

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Television reviewer Jasper Rees in vain search of good, new, British television humour

No laughing matter

typical month for television comedy: the funniest new iokes were American and the funniest old ones were British. One Night Stand, the one-maniacand a microphone Home Box Office series, and the Friday-night double bill of *Empty Nest* and *Golden Girls*, all of them trans-atlantic imports on Channel 4, were hitting a spot that the current native shows are missing.

The exceptions, and this is the

root of the problem, are in alternative comedy. Conceived as a riposte to the stand-up banality of Jimmy Tarbuck and his like alternative comedy has not only usurped it but also gone on to replace good sitcom as the best of British on television. The snag is that its humour caters for a much more specific audience than, say, The Good Life or The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin, the likes of which had a monopoly on fine comic acting and scriptwriting 10 or 12 years ago.
Alternative comedy, as last

year's twentieth anniversary celebrations stressed, began with Monty Python, but its real efflorescence was in the decade we have just spent a whole month saying good-bye to. First there was Not The Nine O'Clock News, which launched Atkinson, Smith and Jones, and then A Kick up the Eighties, a short-lived Richard Stilgoe vehicle which gave Rik Mayall, in the person of the witless Brummie investigator Kevin Turvey, his first chance on

Both Mayall and Atkinson went on to find excellent heipmates in Ben Elton and Richard Curtis, who scripted the squat-com The Young Ones and the incomparable Blackadder, while 10 years on the Smith and Jones act profitably continues to expand. Although Atkinson, with the help of slightly silly forays such as the recent Thames "silent" comedy Mr Bean, has acquired widespread appeal, one cannot necsay the same of his At the end of the decade there is

no long-running mainstream comedy to rival the by no means consistently funny performances of the Comic Strip generation -French & Saunders, Hale & Pace, Lenny Henry, Ade Edmondson, and so on. This dearth presumably explains why The Last of the Summer Wine has for several years occupied the august mid-Sunday-evening slot on BBC1, a pride of place its stock of drearily geriatric jokes has never deserved, and why the dismal 'Allo 'Allo and Hi-de-Hil have enjoyed an unopularity. This bizarre state of affairs has come about because, for those viewers unreceptive to the marginalism of Ben Elton and his ilk, there is not a lot of choice. With minimum enterprise,

however, the BBC has created a choice by making mordinate space in its schedules for what it calls "Comedy Classics" - what a mischievous (or honest) announcer might introduce with "And now





The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin (top) with John Barron (left), Pauline Yates and Leonard Rossiter: a decade ago, "fine comic acting and scriptwriting": Victoria Wood (centre), "the funniest woman on television"; hitting the spot, Channel Four's The Golden Giris (above)

for something completely familiar". Take Monty Python, for example, which was once completely different: the BBC is currently dredging up a big chunk of the Flying Circus back cat-alogue. Recent weeks have also seen an unwrinkled Dad's Army back on duty, despite the passingaway of several of its principals; Some Mothers Do 'Ave Em,

though its star Michael Crawford long ago moved on, is going strong; and the Two Ronnies have also had yet another re-run.

By giving its viewers "another chance to see ... ", the BBC acknowledges the current dearth of good comedy. It gets away with it because British viewers have a limitless appetite for nostalgia. It used to be Granada, dishing out

expensive doses of ersatz Edwardiana, that fed this appetite. Now-adays, 30 minutes of Steptoe and Son do the trick nicely.

Of the sit-coms which have in

recent years come up to standards set in the 1970s, only Yes, Min-ister, Only Fools and Horses, and Blackadder come to mind. All of them, like the Dick Clement and lan le Frenais collaborations on The Likely Lads and Porridge to name but two more periodically exhumed sit-coms of 10 which come to mind - could be relied upon for excellence week in week out. Currently there are no plans, however, to make further series of any of them: the next time you see them on your screen, the jokes will probably ring a bell.

n ITV, the picture is even worse. The chan-nel, where for far too many years Benny Hill has perpetuated the inequality of the sexes, tends to be a graveyard for intelligent main-stream comedy. Having sub-sidized their defection from Television Centre, Thames con-trived to take the sting out of Morecambe & Wise and Mike Yarwood, Nowadays, ITV can be relied upon to broadcast five or six lamentable sit-coms every week shameless Prunella Scales vehicle), or *The Two of Us* (a shameless Nicholas Lyndhurst vehicle). Independent Television is also.

however, where the best mouldbreaking British comedy is to be found, though again it is for strictly specialist tastes. Channel 4's Whose Line Is It Anyway? is the exhibition room of British alternative comedy, but its improvisation format, and more particularly John Sessions's PhD witticisma, keep at arm's length more viewers than they ought. Central's indispensable Spitting Image, which reconnoitres the unexplored depths of bad taste, alienates a large body of viewers (the largest body being royalists and Conservatives) through its willingness to offend.

Julian Clary's Sticky Moments (Channel 4), a bitchy, high-camp game show, is no friendlier to the middle-of-the-road viewer. An androgynous hybrid clad in what could be David Bowie's 1973 space-age cast-offs, Clary uses the show to blow his own trumpet, and he blows it well, especially when quoting shocked viewers' complaints.

There are only two younger comedians working today who would indisputably have been popular 10 years ago. Who could deny Victoria Wood the accolade "the funniest woman on television" (notwithstanding the failed marriage of stand-up and sit-com in her latest series)? And who could deny that Stephen Fry is her male counterpart? His heroic ad-lib at the Hysteria 2 Aids benefit (shown on television at the beginning of December), when he filled in for three minutes to cover up a back-stage cock-up, said it all: prodigiously creative, clever, compassionate and (in the secondary sense) hysterical. Why don't they make more like him? They cer-

Hint of hibernation

CONCERTS Hilary Finch

LSO/Hickox Barbican Hall

A Janus-faced programme greeted the first Sunday of the year at the Barbican. Vanghan Williams's Hodie looked back to the yesterday of Christmas; Carmina Burana forward to the first green

of spring.
The Trinity Boys' Cheir joined the London Symphony Chorus and conscientionsly took upon themselves the gently declamatory narrative of Vanghan Williams's Christmas cantata. Even their live, oferced singing could hardly lift the turper of the word-setting; this is Milton with malled wine, the Incarnation on a confortably wellfed English stomach.

Richard Hickox reused his

Richard Hickox roused his players for a cracking invocation to the "Bright portals of the sky" and an Epiphany March savage with exotic orientalism. Philip Langridge and Elizabeth Gale (replacing an indisposed Felicity Lott) leapt eagerly at the few moments in which the words catch

fire. Stephen Roberts, like the composer himself, was most inspired in the intimate address of George Herbert's "Pastoral"

George Fictions of the consolator piety of Vanghan Williams Christmas found its way, also, in Carl Orff's "Secular songs: a soloists and chorus with many ments and magical pictures". Pro-haps it needs too great a leap of the the sap of spring at a time of mainst hibernation. It was certain ap which, despite some inc d enthusiastic orchestral

but rhythms sagged some under the soft Italianate nants, and through energy i concentrated too much in the dental regions and not chough the diaphragm. Stephen Rober was simply miscast: the verb purity and neat phrasing my which is skilled is no substitute to

sheer range and projection.

If Hickox held back from enjoying the swingeing rhythms and cross-currents of Orff's dance and delight, at least two of his soloists, James Bowman at the swan and Penclope Wahmley Clark as the scarlet-clad gid

New year, new works

Sean Doran

New Vintage 1990 Amsterdam

De Suite, the promotional body for Dutch new music, has just launched its most enterprising season yet. New Vintage 1990/ Muziek in Perspectief includes a special series of five concerts in the excellent acoustic of the Kleine Zaal at the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam. The Perspectief ele-ment of the programming com-prises a lurid mixture of composer combinations, such Boulez/Feldman, Roussel/Lige and Ravel/Cage, to be played by the new young talent that De Suite aims to spotlight for the international circuit. The New Vintage uncorks a commission for each concert for a young Netherlands composer whose work is aptly influenced by one or other of the

The first in the series, a programme of Mozart and Schoenberg with a premiere by Gerda Geertens, took place last week with the young Ter Haar/Van Els string trio (formed in 1985) playing through the evening to a final standing ovation. Whether the ovation arose from harely recovered New Year revelling or insider support (as we have on our British new-music circuit) one could not say. Unexpectedly, a rather overmature composure held sway genuity would have been wel-

above musical forebears.

approach also brought a planty and well balanced sound that was faithful to the three composers The 10-minute premiere, en-

titled Slinger (Pendulum), prove disappointing. Certainly it was confidently written in the atonal dodecaphonic style, and erudite furnished with the familia accompanying effects of that style hanging harmonics (here create most uninspiring opening) an Webern-like bouncing of the box above quietly-held chords. When excitement came, it was generated by some razor-sharp, raucous rhythmical snapping between the instruments, and some well constructed melodic lines.

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But none of these proceeded further than their historical precedents. Absent were ideas for instrumental idiosyncracies counterpoint or even harmonic. colour, all usually essential to Gerda Geertens's style. Slinger, provides us with much angel. building and neurosis but little musical meaning or argument.

After an over-sedate performance of Mozart's Divertimento in E flat, KV563, it was Schoenberg's String Trio of 1946, that proffered the smelling salts: its partly-hidden tongue-in-cheek humour masks the reality of the composer's premonition of his own death at the time of writing. The Ter Haar/Van Els trio relayed this superbly, though again the emphasia was on seriousness and concert and premiere in the series.

Return proves the wisdom of choice

Noël Goodwin

Barbican Piano Trio Purcell Room

As a curtain-raiser to the Park Lane Group's "Young Artists and 20th Century Music" this week, one of last year's most successful groups was presented again. The Barbican Piano Trio belie their relative youthfulness by the mature assurance of their playing, both as a group in which in-dividuality of musical character is kept as an integral element, and in solo and duo performances too.

The programme was one of the two Prisulx Rainier Memorial Concerts this month, given with the support of the Worshipful Company of Musicians. It separated the Trio's cellist, Robert Max, and pianist, Rebecca Holt, to perform Rainier's Grand Duo, composed three years before her composed three years before her death in 1986. Such virtuese writing in partnership, laconic in thought and pungent in thematic and harmonic angularity, demands animated dialogue of conviction,

which was convincingly provided in each player's passionately articulated contribution.

The cellist's strong attack and richly resimous yet finely graded tone was also heard in the Trois Strophes composed by Heint Dutilleax in tribute to Paul Sacher. It covers a wide range of cello technique, and was here commandingly played from

A corresponding violin solo featured Sophie Barber in the Bluegrass Variations Martin Busler wrote as a stylistic challenge. for competition entrants, an abstraction of American regional music into cheerfully allusive ele-

ments, vividly projected.

All three players came together
only at the beginning and end. In
its three-movement focus on melodic, harmonic and rhythmic elements in turn, High Wood's finely crafted Piane Trie of 1984 acquired greater elation and surg-ing vitality than when I last heard it five years ago, and the degree of sheer hard work needed to realize the venerable but richly resourceful Trio (1911) by Charles Ives was forthcoming to good purpose.

Misplaced enthusiasm

Stephen Pettitt

Premiere Ensemble/ Wigglesworth St John's

The Premiere Ensemble prides itself on being an orchestra with the probably unique policy of playing a new work in every concert it gives. On the face of it the idea is excellent, though a complementary group dedicated to giving second and third performances might also be useful. In the case of Nigel Clarke's Rain Dance, the piece which the Ensemble chose to reveal to the world on Sunday, further performances might reveal to a few more the emptiness that lies underneath its extravagance of notes.

Clarke writes energetically, and he is fluent, perhaps even obsessed, with the entire gamut of orchestral effects - twitterings, rumblings, harmonics, clusters, splashes of percussion and all. Yet these things are strung together without a mind for anything save the immediate moment. The quality of genuine invention is low; feeling for shape and proportion. absent, intellectual and inspirado tional substance minimal. Sheer? brazenness - and Rain Dance has plenty of that - cannot conceals such shortcomines.

such shortcomings.

Nor can a performance as committed and accomplished as a second as a s that which Mark Wigglesworth; winner of last year's International Kondrashin Competition, elicited from his excellent young musicians. They obviously found the piece fun to play. Their art was tested far more severely, however, by Schoenberg's First Chambers
Symphony and by Mahler Schoen
Kindertotenlieder. The Schoen berg was shaped expertly by Wigthe textures clear even in this acoustic. A couple of nervous technical slips from horn and clarinet apart, the performance was also technically assured, the players acutely responsive to Wiggles worth's confident and eloquent acceptances; as in the Mahler, wherethe Jean Rigby's mezzo-soprano, apthe feelings of urgency and numbed mourning with singing of well-controlled breadth.

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Black humour lost in translation

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Woza Albert! Bouffes de Nord, Paris

One of the penalties of being a director as exceptional as Peter Brook is that you are condemned to brilliance. Anything less is inevitably seen as second-best. By most standards, his French production of the South African play Woza Albert!, premiered in Paris, is good theatre. Rated according to Brook's own track record, however, it falls a long way short of great theatre. Complacent excellence hovers over the performance pit that Brook has carved out of the eroded splendours of

this illustrious building.

Mtwa, Ngeme and Simon's now nine-year-old anti-apartheid tale of a Second Coming by jumbo jet, that ends with Christ bounded by whites as a communist terrorist and Cape Town in post-nuclear ruins, due to an administrative error, rams home its shamefully still valid message with home truths baked within a chocolate custard pie. Brook's knowing direction, with its impeccable, polished precision, reshapes the play's effective farce mechanism into a more cerebral machine. Primitive outrage is honed

deftly into reasoned injustice. The authors' heavily-accented, biblebest delivered with the force of a gold-miner's steel-capped working boot, is skilfully ill-shod in the calfskin-soft sophistication of Jean-Claude Carrière's studied adaptation.

Whether it was true to the

Market Theatre's original produc-tion or not, the Temba Theatre Company's recent London revival was founded on authenticity. The language rang true and Alby James's direction poked you in the eye while tickling you under the chin. The performers sucked you inside their black skin and defied you to laugh your way out of it. In this production, the work's

essential ethnic ebullience is

tamed by white man's syntax, its



Fine actors, under-used: Mamadon Dioume (left) and Bakary Sangari

defiance paled by received, not lived, South African imagery. The handful of props — a rough-hewn wooden pallet, a scatter of house bricks and a couple of industrial plastic buckets — evoke not emotional minimalism but an impoverished emptiness that serves to clip the wings of an audience's

own free-flying imagination.

Despite, or perhaps because of, its strong African connections. France has no black theatre and few black performers. Woza's twoman cast, Mamadou Dioume (from Senegal) and Bakary Sangaré (from Mali) met Brook when he was on one of his cultural safans in Africa, and he cast them for his Iudian epic The Mahabharata. They are undoubtedly fine actors and a welcome addition to the French theatre scene. This production, however, does not give them the means to unleash the best of theraselves.

Constrained within the staid shallows of the direction, they are unable to plunge naturally into the play's more serious depths, nor to frolic unselfconsciously in the invigorating breakers of its pointed humour. The act of smearing a streak of white on their nose to signify white authority is an awkward, theatrically clumsy gesture that requires fumbling in a pocket for a tube of grease-paint and ducking behind whatever is to

hand, to put it on or wipe it off.
Woza Albert! is the final plum in a short season of South African music and theatre at this address. Organized within the framework of a celebration of the year of the Rights of Man and Liberty, with patrons including Madame la Présidente, Danielle Mitterrand, the play's entry into the French repertoire is an event that does not live up to its impressive

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lastic was hailed as the fabric of the 21st century in the futuris-V & A brings plastic fashion up to date with an exhibition that links Paco Rabanne's famous Sixties chain mail and vinyl minidresses, and Mr Freedom's wet-look "bingo" jacket, to Red or Dead's seethrough wedding dress for spring 1990. Plastics in Dress" opens

on January 15 in Gallery 40 in the V & A's Dress Collection, to celebrate "The Plastics Age", the major exhibition opening in the Twentieth-Century Gallery on February 14.

signs, with nothing folksy or Francisco Considerable something that has been worked by hand. Even the These are all sophisticated designs, with nothing folksy about them fall Tree (Self and partial inevitable quirkiness that re-

stitch and single ribbing.

checks," she says, "but as only

two colours are used anyone

who has mastered a basic Fair

Isle stitch can do it. The

hound's-tooth pattern needs

Signature of the sweaters.

The straightforward sloppy joe is weeked. loe is worked in graphic hound's tooth check with a plain roll neck. The extra tube of knitting doubles as a cowled hood, or even a muff. A neat turticocck sweater is worn with matching short skating skirt that flares from a ribbed Waisthand, and has a separate, Hands can be sunk comfortably into the ably into the deep pockets let into the seams of the chunky checked jacket which, with its square-set sleeves and sharpangled hood, looks like a duffel especially if toggles and loops replace the large buttons and buttonboics.

porate dashing checks and bold tweed effects, and she

cream, and sport the added hoods or cowls (detached in two of the styles) that reflect

the relaxed "locker-room sweatshirt" design ethos of

1990. They are worked in a

double thickness of wool that makes them remarkably quick

to knit. Apart from the case

and exuberance that this added weight provides, it also

These are all thoroughly modern, sophisticated de-

makes them hard-wearing.

TOVES In came up was after another. Her three excausive knitting designs are emphatically patterned in monochromatic black and monochromatic black and in

Much of the sophistication of these three designs depends On the play of strong contrasts. and textures, which works best in black and cream, as here.

When something comes into fashion everyone wants it straight away, and any one of these sweaters can be comlisted in under two weeks," ing says. "Even beginners an Bet encouragingly quick trolls. She claims that the copped sweater and skating atin can be tackled by any

beginner who can east on and precision, but no chart is expensive style of the three, at understands purl and plain. It necessary as the pattern is

is worked in simple stocking built around one row of %! black, k3-cream', with the "The most difficult is the three subsequent rows that hooded duffel style in the big complete the pattern being plest to knit, the short sweater variations on this stitch." Knitted in Jaeger Sport pure new wood, which costs £1.69 £42.25 for the smallest size.

£55.77 (one size only). The hound's tooth sweater costs £45.63 for the smallest size (including hood). The simwith skating skirt and close-fitting helmet, adds up to for a 50g ball, the hooded See captions for how to send jacket works out the most for the free pattern leaflet.



COLIN BARNES

warmth-trapping first layer is this lace-trimmed, striped body from Fenwick. In pale blue or pink and white polyester, cotton and Lycza (a Spandex blend that ensures a fit like a second skin), and priced at £37.95, it is part of a snug set of underpinnings by Capucine. A long vest (also £37.95), soft bra (£21.95) and deep-cut brief (£16.95) complete the set.

Other pretty first layers include the Swiss company Hanro's short-sleeved bodies in sleek cotton at £19.95, or wool long-sleeved vests at £31.95, available at Fenwick. Damart's new spring-printed camisole (£8.50) and knickers (£7.99), as well as its silk and Thermolactyl lace-trimmed vests and knickers, priced from £8.99, are available by post from Demart, Bingley, West Yorks BD97 IAD.





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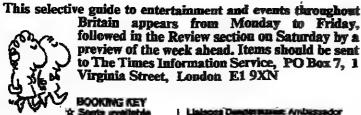
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THEATRE LONDON

ANYTHING GOES: Elaine Paige getting a lock out of Cole Porter's hit musical: shipboard romanos, insigne ANY I HANG GOLES: Eleme Page getting a kick out of Cole Porter's hit musical: ehipboard romanos, whighe and "You're the Top".

Prisce Edward Thearn, Old Compton St, W1 (01-734 8951). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2.30-4.45pm, 29-222. (D)

4: BENT: Im McKellen, Michael Cushman in revival of Martin Sherman's powerful drama of the Nazi persecution

of homosouss. Hemonal Treatre (J. 1982), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterioo. In preview, Mon-Sat 7-30pm. Opens Jan 19, 7pm. then in rep. Previews and Sat mats 26-212-50; eves from Jan 19 27-215-50. All weekday

& BOOTS FOR THE FOOTLESS: Brien Behan's Irish comedy set mostly in 1951 Lordon, year of the Festival of Britain. Tricycle Theetre, 269 Kilbum High Rd, NW6 (01-328 1000), Tube: Kilbum, Mon-

A FUNINY PECULIAR: Robin Karmoda, itary Crowson, Jilly Johnson in neering revival of Mike Stott comedy about how to ginger up a stale marriage.

Remaid These, Puddle Dock EC4
(01-236 5568). Mon-Thurs Sprs. Fri and
Sat 9pm. Mats Fri and Sat 6.30pm.

* OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD: Triple award-winning play by Timbertake Wertenbaker, set in New South Wales in which a batch of convicts is ordered to become octors.
Sentick Theory, Charing Cross Rd, EC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Lelcester Sq. Mon-Thurs 8-10.20pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.35pm, mats Fri and Sat 5-7.20pm, 57.50-215.

it THE PELICAN: Second in this the store is occasional series of Strindberg's chamber plays: this one meledramstizes perverted mother love. Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (01-229 0708). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8-9.45pm. Opens Thurs 8-9.45pm, then Mon-Sat 8-9.45pm, £5.

LONG NUMBERS: & Cate New London Treatre (01-405 0072) Les



The American poet, La Leca (above), known as "the crazy woman", stops off in Loudon tonight en route to the US from Eastern Europe to give a reading of her work at the ICA (see Other Events). La Loca's first visit to ar to the National Review of Live Art at Glasgow's Third Eye Centre was met with considerable acclaim. Born in Hollywood, La Loca gave her first poetry reading at the legendary Lhasa Club and won the Academy of American Poets College Prize in 1986. Two recording contracts have recently been secured and her most popular poem, "Adventures on the Isle of Adolescence", is currently under production as an automated film.

OUT OF TOWN

FARMMARE & Ballidge New munical based on the engagingly bright five-year-old heroine of Roald Dahl's recen Redgrave Theatre, Brightwells (0252 727301), tonight 7pm, £3-£6.

FILMS

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BACK TO THE FUTURE II (PG): Overingenious sequel to the 1965 hit, with Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd

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THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE A
HER LOVER (18): Peter Greenway's
tale of love, revenge and haute cuisine,
With Richard Bohringer (120 min).
Screen on flatter Street (01-535 2777).
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Renair (01-837 8402). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40. III DEAD POETS SOCIETY (POL Robin

Williams as an English teacher who instits his pupils with a dangerous love of poetry (128 min). Hotting His Coreset (01-727 6705). Prog 8.30pm (Closed Stm). Odeon Karasington (01-802 5193). Progs 11.45, 2.35, 5.30 (not Sun). 8.30 (not Sun). Late Fri, Sat 11.15. Screen on Batter Streen (01-935 2772). Progs 2.55, 5.50, 8.30. Late Sat 11.15. (Closed Sun). Whiteey's Beyerseter (01-792 3303). Frogs 8.45.

THE DELINQUENTS (12): A routing atory of defiant teenagers in the Fifties with Kylie Minogue. (90 min). Casmon Fullum Rued (01-370 2836). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15. Cannon Output Effect (01-838 0310). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.20.

THE DISEAM TEAM (12): Medcap edventures of four mental hospital patients let loose on Manhattan (113

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Do They Know It's Christmas?..

Cycling through Brahms



Tomorrow night the West German planist Gerhard. Oppitz (above) gives the first of four Wignare Hall recitals at which he will play Brahms's complete original works for solo plane. These divide into three original works for solo piano. These divide into three main groups centring on the hoge squatas of Brahms's youth, the middle period variation sets and the short but highly concentrated late pieces, and Oppitz includes something from each category in each of his programmes. Tomorrow night, for example, he performs the Sonata Opus 5, the Rhapsodies Opus 79 and the Pieces Opus 119. Born in Francian, Ravaria, in 1953. Opnitz completed his studies with Withelm in 1953, Oppitz completed his studies with Wilhelm Kempff and made his international breakthrough in 1977, when he was the first German to win the Artur

Rubenstein Competition in Israel. He now appears all over Europe, the US and in Japan, and otherwise teaches at the Munich Academy of Music, to which in 1981 he was the youngest professor ever to be appointed. Oppitz's recent records include Reger's schlow-heard Plano Concerts and Beethoven somatas. The first person to play Brahms's complete original piano output at the Wigmore Hall in a decade, he prefers performing entire cycles, such as Bach's Des wohltemperirte Clavier or the Beethoven senatas. His remaining Brahms evenings are on February 9, March 2 and 29. Wigmore Hall, 35 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £4-£7. Max Harrison

PIELD OF DREAMS (PG): Kevin Coster as a farmer encouraged by a colerated voice to use his comfield for a baseball olitich (106 min). Campoo Palassa Road (07-370 2836). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.10.

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SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Pauline Colline repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife reducovering romance (109 min).
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CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

A JAMES JOHNSTONE: This organist plays various compositions by J.S. Bach, D'Arrazzo and Sweethick. St Martin within-Ladgette, Ludgette HID, London EC4 (D1-248 8054), 1.15-

EVENING

the Park Lane group's "Young Artists and Twentieth-Century Music" deries, Andrew West gives the world premiers of Philip Martin's Masquerade, adding Nes's Three-Page Sonata, Schoenberg's Allawierstücke Op 11, and,

as part of a tribute to his 85th birthday, asso includes Tippett's Plano Sonata No

(01-928 8800), 6.30pm, £3-£5. * CELLET'S CHOICE Caroline Date judaposes Brahms's Cello Sonata Op 99, Prokofiev's Sonata Op 119, Thomas Wilson's Fantasia and a sonata by Vivaidi.

Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St. London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, 24-27. INTERNATIONAL NAUNE As part of the International Plano Series Naum Grubert offers Schubert's last sonata, D 980, Schumern's Variations on a Therse by Clara Wieck and much Chopin, Recommission. Owner Electron Half, South Sunk, London SE1 (01-928 8900), 7.45pm, £4-

★ KI FE AND CLACONWA: Another * KLEE AND CLACOMMA: Another batch of young performers continues the Park Lans Group series with such pieces as Thomas's Paul Klee Studies, Dellapidodie's Clacomma, Internazzo and Adagio, Takahash's Operation Epier, Britten's Temporal Variations. Purcell Room, 8pm, 23.50-28.50.

ROCK

* SIMPLY RED: Another triumphal arens residency in the walls of the phenomenally successful A New Ren Wembley Arens, Empire Way, Middlesco (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £12.50-£15, also tomorrow.

 PAUL McGAKTNEY: A dazzing show which ossovation the Basiles' heritage on much as it showcases new material from last year's comparatively Impressive Flowers in the Dirt album. NBC, Birmingham (021 780 4133). rusc, Birmingham (021 780 4133). 7.30pm, £19.30.

★ CHRIS REA: Still benefiting from Mark Knopfler's prolonged leave of

absence, and every inch a rock star for these adult orientated, CD-enriched times. Temple Perk Centre, John Reid Rd, South Shields (091 458 9119) 7.30pm, £13-£15.

THE HOUSE OF LOVE: Guitarist Terry Bickers resigned before Christmas and is now replaced by Simon Walker (of the Dave Howard Singers). New single, a revamped version of "Shine On", is released onlar 22 and a John Peel session is in the carr.

Hartiepool Borough Hall, North Gate (0425 266522) 8pm, 25.

JAZZ

the MAL CALLEST: First of three rights from the American planist who has just released a new Concord album, Portrait. Backing from the Peter Ind Trio. Base Glef, 35 Coronet St, London M1 (01-729 2478) 8.45pm, £4.

& JOHN DANKWONTH: Reserve time as the sexophonist-composer brings together pilipen from his big band and the Dankworth Seven. Support from the

Britan Dau Trio. Ramaie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St. London W1 (01-439 0747) 9,30pm, £10 (members £2). To Sat 20. ★ KING SALSA: Percussionist Robin Jones leads the excitement Latin 12-

piece. Double Bass., 182-184 Earls Court Rd, London SW5 (01-835 2021) 9:30pm, £8.50. & LAVERNE BUTLER: Sophisticated

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DANCE ---

+ THE NUTCRACKER POR Schaufuss's complicated version of the Tchalkovsky classic for English National Royal Pastivel Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8600), 7.30pm, 85-£19.50.

--- OPERA

* OTELLO: Second night of four in current Royal Opera revival of Elijah Moshinsky's Verdi revival, with Carlos Kleiber conducting cast led by Placido Domingo and Katla Ricclarelli. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066) 7.30-10.15pm, £%-E98.

to HAMSEL AND ONETEL: English Netional Opera's new year revival continues its run: in the last night that Ethna Robinson and Cathryn Pope take the trie-roles, conducted by Mark Eder. Cathryn St. Lene, London WC2 (01-836 3161) 7.30-9.45pm, 23-23

GALLERIES

DAVID LEVENETT: The Second Gerden series of paintings. Redsom Calairy, 20 Cork St. London, W1 (01-734 1732), Mon-Fri 10am-Spri, Set 10am-12-30pm, free, until Feb 9. SIN ALPITED MUNICIPACIS N.A. (1875-1959): A full survey of work by the horse

peinter. Casse Manuschan, Normach (0803 2222222), Mon-Sat 10am-Spm, Sun 2-Spm, free, until Feb 18.

OUT OF THE MOOO: The tree as image and symbol in the work of contemporary erists such as Arriy Goldsworthy. Cleveland Crafts Centre, 57 Gilles St, Middlesborough (642 226351), Tues-Sat, 10mm-5pm, Ima, until Fisb 10.

PHOTO-SCULPTURE Works by sculptors such as Boyd Watch and Ron O'Donnell who make sets and then photograph them. Watershed, 1 Cannors Rd, Brietol (0272 253845), Mon-Sat, 10sm-10pm, Sun 11sm-10pm, free, until Jen 28.

A RODCHENED (1891-1951) AND V STEPANOVA (1894-1998): Works in a range of media by two of the most

whose activities were eventually outleved by Stalin. Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London WB (01-402 0343), daily 11am-4.30pm, free, until Jan 28. GRALIAN AYRES: Prozent, lurge and colourful abstract paintings by a leaders

column assumed paintings by a leaders of the Genral. Comerhouse, 70 Ordord St, Manchesse (061 228 7621), Tues-Sun noon 8pm, free, until Jan 28.

JOHN MOORES 18: Paintings selected from an open submission of work by many of the country's best artists in a competition won by Lisa Militray's picture of 16 drawer ham be.

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Liverpool (051 207 0001), Mon-Sat-10am-Spm, Sun 2-Spm, free, until Jan

INIGO JONES (1573-1652): Drawings of buildings, costumes and set designs by the architect of the Queen's House. wich and Banqueting Route. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadily, London, W1 (01-439 7438), daily 10sm-6pm, £2.50, until Feb 25.

WALKS

THE SHERLOCK HOLINES TRAIL OF MYSTERY - A WHOOLINES TRAIL OF Meet Baker Street tube, 10.30mm, 23. - (01-937 4281).

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GALLERY LECTURE: Richard Britisley Sheridan by Paul Webb. National Portrait Gallery, Room 12, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930

OTHER EVENTS

morning's sale of Fine English and Comments Furnitum at 10 m, to the Victorian and Edwardian pieces. The two periods are currently enjoying a revival both for the impovators such as Milliam Morris and the comments.

"All words" An emission of work by the pupils of Boston riigh School's art. department showing a wide range of graphics, photography, three-dimensional design and sculpture—which disstrates the new challenges laid design to the CCCC and August 1999. down by the GCSE and A level

FIRST CHANCE

REC AT THE MARBICARE Booking for February, with world premiers of Anthony Burgess's A Clockwork Orange. Also Hamlet, A Midsummer, Night's Dream, Have, Playlog with Trains, Dr Faustus, and Flomeo and

PERTY TREATME: Spring season includes John Williard's The Cat and the Canary, Maurice Fleming's Me and Morag, Brian Friel's Making History, Garcon Kasin's Born Yesterday, and Alan Ayckbourn's A Charus of Disapproval, Jan-May.

Perth Theatre, High St. Perth, Scotland (0736 21031). Booking for individual performances from today.

INAL VERNI FESTIVAL THEATRE-Special events include Kan Dodd, The Cantridge Musick, Glare Miller Orchestra, Peter Donothoe plano rechal, English National Ballet, and lan Botham evening. Jan-March. Feasyel Theatre, Grange Rd, Malvem, Worcestershire (DIS4 892277).

LAST CHANCE

by Printmakers Council celebrating techniques of printmaking, Encs Sun, Festival Hall, South Bank, London SEI (01-928 3002).

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David Lee; Walks and Talks:
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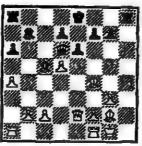
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● In Big Big Country (Channel 4, 11.00om), Hank Wangford builds on his quirkly enjoyable survey of country music screened by Channel 4 three years ago. On that occasion he covered the subject alphabetically. Now he devotes each programme to a single theme, such as women performers, duets, the Mexican influence and the impact of religion. For the final programme he leaves the United States for, of all places, Bulgaria, where the local equivalent of Tammy Wynette is breaking through to international recognition. Tonight's subject is honky-tonk, the hard-edged folk music of the Texas beer joints. As before,



Hank Wangford: presents the folk music of the Texas beer joints (Ch4, 9.00pm) Wangford uses archive film and interviews and relates the music to its social background. He sees honky-tonk, with its tough lyrics about drinking, cheating and broken marriages, as reflecting the upheavals of post-war Texas when rural communities were uprooted and pushed into the cities. He also looks at how booky-tonk lost its younger audiences in the Fifties to rock 'n' roll and got them back again in the Eighties. But it would be misleading to present Big Big Country as a profound piece of sociological analysis. Wangford's approach is too bitty for that and the main appeal of the programme will be seeing in performance great exponents of honky-tonk such as Bob Wills, Ernest Tubb, Lefty Frizell and George Jones - some of them in quaint Forties black-and-white and others in surprising colour.

● Continuing its pursuit of injustice Taking Libertles (BBC2, 8.00pm) appears to have hit upon a prime example. The programme looks at the deaths and injuries to British servicemen from heat past decade the tally is at least 13 dead and 650 injured, which would seem to be an extraordinary high price to pay for the services' desire to sort the men from the boys. The Ministry of Defence is reluctant to change the system and the behaviour of fellow officers beggars belief. A naval sub-lieutenant who collapsed in the New Forest was allegedly pulled up by his hair, hit on the head and left unattended for half an hour in the sun. A passer-by saw the incident but an offer to take the man to hospital was refused. The officer spent days in a coma and has brain damage. The findings of the army's own inquiry have never been released. No one was disciplined.

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Rock, Lucky Fargy 4.15 Bugs Bunny, Bugs Bonnets. A lorry spills its load of hats and cause spills its load of hats and causes an upset for all concerned (r) 4.20 Their and the Penna of Wildows. In her search for the second pearl of wisdom, Sally arrives in the Wild West of America 4.40 Court Ductada. Return of the Curse of the Secret of the Munmy's Tomb Meets Frankenduckula's Monater 5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Houses hoss the general knowledge game 5.40 News followed by national weather. (Oracle)
6.60 Home and Away, Another showing of the episode shown earlier today (r)

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Thismee News and weather followed by Crimestoppers
Emmerciale. Nick Bares flinds out that when a girl says no she means it. Jack finely persuades Sarah to say yes — but at what price?
Thismes Reports

8.00 The Bill. Carry Your Bags, Sir?
Burnside and Sergeant Cryer are
idetailed to help Police Officer
Krantz, sent from Germany, to track

down stolen car engines, Burnside is delighted when Krantz turns out to be an attractive blonds. (Oracle)
8.30 Shelley. Help. Shelley is planning a visit to the Westra to catebrate his mother's britiday but when he stops off at it garage to buy some aspirin for his headache he ands up with an even bigger pern. Starring

9.00 The Sweeney. In from the Cold.
When a policeman is crippled by a viccous criminal, Ragan leels responsible and begins a search for the gumnan. Starring John Thew and Dennis Waterman (f)

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10.00 News at Ten followed by national weather (Oracle)
10.20 Thurnes News and weather 10.35 Snoother. Mercentile Crudit Classic. Tony Francis introduces action for the last quarter films place at Blackpool

12.30cm Film: Frankenstein (1973), starring Robert Foxworth, Bo Svenson and Susan Strasberg. The well-meaning Dr Franken creates a monster (from gravayard source promiting which in a well-meaning way, and unaware of its own strength, terrorizes the countrivide. Described in the

Curas 2.30 News hasolines tollowed by Donahus. Celebrity Rights Act. Families of past celebrities reveal. their concern about the commercialization of their loved ones and now it is terreshing their

ones and how it its tarreshing their minimum. Donative talks to the sone of John Wayne, Clark Gable and Harpo Marx, and the grandson of W.C. Fields

3.30 Custs Nact. Pub and dub teams compete in the general knowledge quits hosted by Ross King.
Followed by News headlines

4.00 Nausic Speciel. The Grassiul Dead.
A lock at the cock group who, after 23.

A look at the rock group who, after 23 years, have remained one of America's top concert attractions 5.00 FTN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

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8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 Village School. Summer Term (r) 9.30 Betjemen in Australia (r) 9.33 The riscorymen. Edim Cavell (r) 19.00 Laurel and Hardy (b/w).

10.20 Film: Storm Over Wyoming (1950, b/w), starring Tim Holt and Richard Martin. Two drifters come to the rescue of a cattleman battling with a sheep rancher and his lynch mob.

Directed by Lesley Selander 11.20 Film: Moulcain Spiritive at Sea (1942, b/w), starring Lupe Velez, Charles Rodgers, Leon Empland Zasu Pitts. Comedy about a woman whose husband, an advertising executive, tries to win a lucrative contract from a wealthy passenger aboard an ocean liner. Directed by Lesie Goodwins

12.30 Bushman of the Kalahari (r) 1.20 Pigeon Street (r) 1.35 See Heart Magazine for the deal and hard-

ci-hearing
2-00 News and weather followed by
Look, Stranger. People who built
some of the world's greatest organs (r) 2.25 Darts. Embassy world

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professional championship highlights
3.00 News and weather followed by
Westminster Live, including Prime
Minister's Question Time
3.50 News and weather followed by
Regional News and weather
4.00 Caschword, Outz with Paul Cobi
4.30 Behind the Headlines
6.00 Advice Shop, Rural poverty in
Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland
5.30 First Time Planting. In the first of a new sense, Geoff Hamilton and Gay Search look at garden design and the kinds of plants suitable for outdoor conditions. (Ceetax)

6.00 Film: Spirit of the Wild (1983), 6.00 Film: Spirit of the Wild (1983), staming Plus Savage, based on the true story of a crippled man who returns to his home in Alaska and takes up dog-sied racing.

Directed by Raiph Lodde
7.35 Biliko (b/w), staming Phil Silvers (r)
8.00 Taking Libertles (see Choice)

8.30 Food and Drink. Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jill Goolden examine health-conscious Britain. Phys. restaurateur Antonio Canuccio

prepares a mushroom least 8-00 Hit and Ruh with Ruby Wax 8-30 The Lane. Bangla Town,

S.39 The Lane. Bangla Fown,
Documentary on east London's Brick
Lane immigrant communities

10.16 Design Sense. Fouch. The start
of a five-part senses which looks at
the way the design element in
society is beginning to dominate
technological advances

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow 11.15 Weatherview 11.20 Darts. Embassy world professional championship 12.20-12.35cm Bernin University (1

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12.35em Tour of Duty 1.30 Wresting 2.30 Firm: Target; Henry 4.65 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Farming

CHANNEL 4

9.25 The Art of Landscape. Film images of the natural world accompanied by music 12.00 The Parliament Programms, presented by Sue Cameron 1.00 Seame Street with guest Carly

Smon

2.00 The Senior Service. Weekly
magazine for older viewers. (Oracle)

1.15 Communing Pensions. New series
exploring the tres of people with an unusual level of commitment to a hobby or occupation. Today, Penny Black, whose passion is her

garden 2.45 Black Forest Canin. The Kidnap

(/) 3.35 Murut Buchstansangur. Story of the strange character who lives in a crack in the function wall.

3.40 The Oprah Westrey Show includes improve with Brooke Shields and

Lauren Hutton
4.30 Countdows with Richard Whiteley
5.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w). The

Beeler Geng
5.30 Street Hockey, A new sortes
Isaturing Britain's top teams
6.00 Gopheral The Electricity Bill. 6.30 Gopheral The Electricity bill.
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8.00 By Word of Mouth. Stories at
Work. A weath of tales told by
storytellers from different
countries and cultures
8.30 That's Entertaining. Incerse and
Ice-Cream. Richard Cawley helps the
Bishop of Walkefield with it.

Bishop of Wexerland with it

dinner-party 6.00 Drink - Under the billiumos. The second in a two-part documentary about the pleasures and part of accord; how its misuse becomes a problem affecting families, work

and public order and public order

Lose. A new series of the comedy, written and performed by Rory

McGrath and Jimmy Mulville, aimed at showing what life was like in Roman-occupied Chelmsford in AD 123 10.000

10.30 The Becard Cabaret. A new series presented by Simon Drake, a young lustorist, in which the unexpected promises to be the norm. The programme includes knite-jugglers, a contortionist and a

11.00 Big Big Country (see Choice)
12.00 Film: A Taste of Honey (1961 b)/w). Classic British drama based of the play by Shetagh Detaney. Rita Tushingham stars as the young woman living in Selford who becomes proposed the becomes pregnant by a black salior.

Dors Bryan plays her indifferent mother and flurray Mevin a homosexual who thes to help and take card of her. Ends at 1.150mm.

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00mm Sky News 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat Show 6.30 Penel Pot Pouri 10.00 The Surivers
10.30 Sky By Day 11.30 A Problem Shared
12.00 Another World 12.55pm General
Hospital 1.50 As The World Turns 2.45
Loving 3.15 The Young Doctors 3.45
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New Leave It To Beaver Show 5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Frank Bough's World 8.00 Captains and The Kings 16.00 Jameson 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 Sara

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

5.30

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European Business Channel 6.00 World
Business Report 9-30 Frank Bough
10-30 BMTV Good Health 11-30 World
Business Report 1-30 pm NBC Today
2-30 Partition Live 3-16 PM 9 Question
Time Live 3-30 Partition Live 4-30
NBC Today 5-00 Live at Five 6-30 Beyond
2000 7-30 The Reporters 8-30 Frank
Bough 9-30 Target 10-30 The Reporters
11-30 NBC News 12-30 The Reporters
3-30 Frank Bough 4-30 Target

SKY MOVIES

From BLOCAM The Satellite Shop 2.00 per Annual's Story 3.00 Dusty: Episode 6 of the Australian drama 4.00 Journey Back to Oz (1974):

Animated sequel to The Wizard of Oz 6.00 Carry on Doctor (1968): Farce about a fight between medics to create a about a tight between medics to create a weight-reduction formula
7.40 Embroundment Tongni;
2.00 For These I Loved (1982); Part two of the story based on the real-life wartime experiences of Polish Jew Martin Gray
10.48 The Harventy Rod (1985); A 1980s teenager, killed in a hot-rod race, is chosen by an angel to aid a 1980s teenager
12.16 m. June Speed (1986); A fictional hero springs to life to rescue a damsel in discress

2.00 Rabid (1977): A young woman contracts a rables-like intection 4.00 Bent Street (1984): Musical, builed on the hip-hop culture of the South Bronx. Ends at 4.40am

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European Business Channel 6.00 OJ Ket
Show 8.30 Menu 9.00 NHL los Nockny;
Calgary Flames v Edmonton Oilers 11.00
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1.00 was Rings de: Superbours 2.00 Golf:
The US Skins Geme 4.00 Three-Custnon
Billiards World Cup 5.00 World Cup Skling
6.00 Eurosport — What a Week! 7.00
Table Tennis: Stiga Grand Prix Finals 8.00
Volleyball: Women 's World Cup Gala
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SCREENSPORT

7.00em Spanish Soccer 8.45 Motorsport 8.30 US Pro Ski Tour 10.00 US Professional Boxing 11.30 NFL American Football 1.30pm US Colleg Basketball 3.00 Diving 4.00 NHL ice Hockey \$.00 American Basketball 7.30 Update, Spenish Soccer \$.16 College Football 11.15 Ice Skating 12.00 **Powersports**

LIFESTYLE

programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1

PM Stereo and MW Novis on the half-hour from 8.30em until 6.00pm, then at 7.30, 6.30, 10.00pm 8.00em locks Brambles 6.30 7-30, 2.30, 10.00pm 5.00em Jaiki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Betes 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gay Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 6.30 News '90 with Sybil Ruscoe and Alian Robb 6.00 Mark Goodler 7.30 My Top 10. Jenet Jackson talks to Andy Peebles 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00em Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

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7.30, 8.36
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Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson
9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimeny
Young 1.05gen David Jacobs 2.00
Gloris Hunniford 3.30 Adrian
Love 5.05. John Dunn 7.00 The
Radio Orchestra Show 9.00
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WORLD SERVICE

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Concertgebouw under

Roy Goodman) 9.35 Christian Zacharlas: The

16.10 BBC Concert Crohestra under James Lockhart under James Lockman
performs Glinks (Overture,
Rusten and Ludmille);
Arensky (Vertetions on a
Theme of Tchalkovsky);
Tchalkovsky (Theme and
Vertetions, Suite No 3 in G)
10.50 Violin and Piamo: Derek
Coller, violin, Alan Brown,
rights, perform Britten

ciemenza di Tito);

1.00pen News 1.05 St Devid's Half Lunchtime Recital: Live from St David's Hall, Carollif. Timothy Hugh,

7.39 News
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7.39 Morning Concert (cont):
Dvoråk (The Water Goblin,
Op 107: Czech Philharmonic
Orchastra under Neuman);
Chabrier (dylle: Annie
D'Arco, piano); Mozart
(Symphony No 33 in 8 flat,
k 816: Amstardam
Concertoeboss

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
J.S. Bach. Concerto in G
"after Johann Ernst", BWV
592 (Peter Hurford, organ);
Invention in E flat, BWV 778;
Sanfonta in E flat, BWV 781
(Classics Verlet) (Blandine Verlet, herpsichord): Was mir behagt "Hunt Cantata", BWV 208 (Vocal Sotolists, Parley of Instrumenta under

planist performs C.P.E. Bach (Rondo in C minor, Wq 58 No 4); Schubert (Sonats in E flat, D

Symphony No 5 in E flat). incl 12.10pes interval

RADIO 3

(hirroduction and Allegro: String Quartet, with Marie-Claire Jamet, harp, Christian Lards, fluts, Guy Dophus,

Coller, votal, Alan Brown, piano, pertorm Britian (Suris, Op 6); Derek Collier (Contrasts); Robert Russell Bennett (Hexapoda)
11.25 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Richard Armstrong, with Christian Zacharias, piano, performs Mozart (Overtura, La cementa di Tito); Beetroven (Plano Concerto No 4 in G); Sibelius (The Swan of Tuoneta:

risi, Caroni. Infloory hagin, cello, Kathron Sturtock, piano, perform Beethoven (Twelve Verlations on "Ein Médchen oder Welbchen"); Franck (Sonatz in A);

2.00 Music's Mowgir A sequence of music by Percy Grainger. Country Gardens (the composer, plano); Youthful Sums (Sydney SO under John Hopkins); English Weltz (Penelope Tinvenses and John Lavender, planol); A Lincolnshrie Posy (Cleveland Symphonic Whole under Frederick Fennell); Spoon River (Bournetrouth Sintorieria under Kennell); Spoon River, Montgomery); Spoon River,

under Karneth
Mongomery); Spoon River,
for two planos; The Pretty
Maid Mildin'; The Sprig of
Thyme (Peter Pears, tenor,
Benjerein Britten, plano); Hill
Song 2 (University of Ulinois
Bynephonic Bland under
Harry Beglan); Hill Song 2,
for two planoe; Shellow
Brown (English Chamber
Orchestra under Benjamin
British; Ambroulan Singera,
with John Shirley-Cuirk,
baritone); When the World
Was Young, for two planos: Was Young, for two planes: The Warriors (Melbourne SO under John Hopidos)

(see Choice) Sulfit Lindsuy String Quarter performs Haydn (Quartet in E, Op 54 No 3); Mendebsoim (Quartet in A minor, Op 13 No 2) (r) Main Millions: The pientet performs Mozert (Sonata in D, K 576; Adagio in B minor,

K 540) 6.30 Moinly for Plassure with Fione Talkington 7.00 Nows 7.05 Third Eur: Peter Porter in conversation with a follow Australian poet, Les

7.30 Schubert - Desily and Transfiguration: Anne Colling, contratto, Paul Hamburger, pieno, perform Am Grabe Anselmos; Freiwilliges Versinken; Auf der Donau; Wehmut; Abendbilder, Das Zügenglochlein; Totungräher-Weise; Lied "Die Mutter Erde"; Vertdärung; Dem

Unendiction 8.20 Drama Now: Indigo Days. A black comedy by James Douglas (see Choice) 9.35 BBC Symphony Orchestra in Huddersheld under Plette Boulez, with Yvonne Loriod. peno, performe Boulez (Eciet/Mutables); Stravinsky (Sympnonies of Wind Instruments); Messieen (La Ville d'en-haut); Boulez (Messagesquisse); Stravinsky (Chant du

rossignol)
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Berlioz (f) 12.00 Nams 12.05cm (2000

RADIO 4

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Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather 9.00 News 9.00 Call the Comroller: 01-580 4411. Michael Green, the controller of Radio 4. discusses ligament virus and future plans for the

station 10.00 News; Medicine Now with Geoff Watts Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: The
Ederflower Summer, by
Carol Berker. Reed by
Victoria Finney
10.45 Daily Service from Bengor
11.09 News; Chizana
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Correspondent
11.50 Bedbugs: Pert 3: Dream
Beds. Lynn Ten Kate
continues her senes about beds and how they play a part in our everyday lives 12.00 News: You and Yours with John Howard

12.25 pm Carry On Up The Fifties: Part 2: Singing in the Rain. Harry Thompson with a selection of archive recordings, vividity recalling life in the Fiftes (r) 12.58 1.00 The World at One with

James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers
2.40 News; Woman's Hour:
Presented by Jenni Murray.
A feature on writing second novels, with authors Paul Sayer, winner of the 1989 Whiteread Press, and Victoria Petrie-Hay; learning the art of falconry; how the regall trisce impacts to court the female customer in the Ninebes; and Professor Margaret Turner-Warwick, president of the Royal Cotage of Physicians, discusses today's

publication of two papers on medical ethics
3.60 News; Thirty Minute
Theatre; Going Up, Going
Down, by Martin Worth. With Norman Jones as Mr ibootson (s) (see Choice) Notes with viola players Rivka Golani and Frederick

Riddle (s)

4.00 News

4.05 The Local Network: Callin

Home, Reporters David
Clayton and Neil Walker
meet paople who have
given their houses strange
and excres names
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reviews of Frank Brady's
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6.30 The Senses: Six plays by
Bob Sinfland, 2: Tourth, A receptionist at a doctor's

surgery discovers she has a gift. With Polly James as itarjore and Michael Angelis as Dr Cole (s)

7.00 The Archere

7.20 File on 4 with reporter Helen Rearten Boaden 8-15 Science Now with Pater Evans (r) 8.30 Lugar From Numbic

Richard Cox reflects on Namble's economic development and its transition to independence s.45 in Touch: Magazine for the blind. Presented by Peter White States of the blind. Presented by Peter 1.15 Kalendoscopa: An interview

Maledoscoppi: An interview with Christopher Ricks and Leonard Michigals, authors of The State of the Language; Stave Bell on the Folly and Vice exhibition at Bolton Art Gallery, a study in social criticism, sature and subversors and Mick. subversion; and Nick Kenyon reviews the latest LP by Emma Kirkby (s)

8.45 The Financial World Tonight

Weather

10.00 The World Tonight with

Alexander MacLeod 10.45 A Book at Bedsme: Lady Chamerley's Lover, by D.H. Lawrence (7 of 15) (s) U.S. The Great Tradition, An 4: The Great Tradition, An eight-part history of British cinema, narrated by cherna, narrated by Christopher Fraying (s) (r)
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VARIATIONS

Peter Davalle

 Two worthwhile plays today, neither of which could exist as impressively in any other medium, are James Douglas's Indigo Days (Racho 3, 8.20pm), a black comedy with such an unmrugated villain at its heart that I felt like hurling something at my



Pre-mortem visions: Joan Matheson (Radio 4, 3.00pm)

Going Up, Going Down (Radio 4, 3.00pm), which audaciously asks us to consider the possibility of a point existing in time when past and future events intersect. Indigo Days has Joan Matheson, vilely used by husband (Kevin Flood) and lover (George Shane), assailed in her hospital bed by pre-mortem visions. I have no idea why the poor creature should flash back through her awful past using upside-down speech such as "Made sad me feel" and "Am in Heaven? If am,

long overdue reminder that Percy Grainger's wayward genius did not began and end with Country Gardens, in-cludes "Shallow Brown" - a song every bit as wistful as "Shenandoah" - and the neglected (possibly because it requires three pianos?) The Warriors: Music for an Imaginary Ballet.

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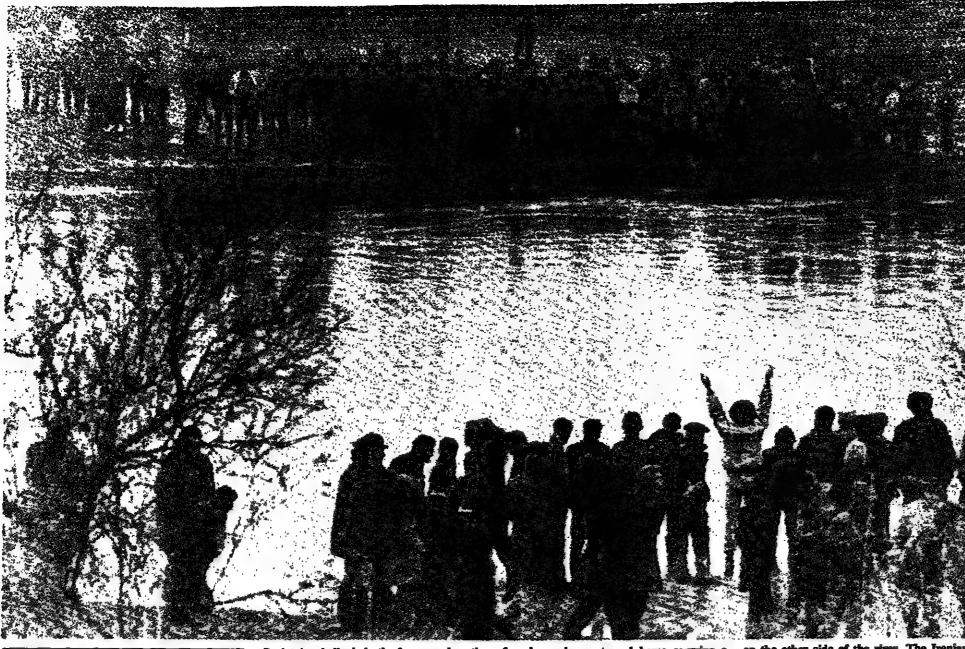
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Soviet Azerbaijanis in the foreground on the north bank of the Aras river at Nakhichevan shout to their relatives across the Iranian frontier, in one of the first photographs

At least 15 Soviet Azerbaijani youths have swam the icy cold waters of the river cheered on by Iranian Azerbaijania amid repeated

four have since returned home carrying a Koran in what was seen as a clear move by the youths to discover their Muslim roots.

The show of nationalist fervour has caused concern in Moscow and already led to the dismissel of the Communist chief in the

news agency IRNA said about 1,000 people who live in the enclave ruled by Azerbaijan gathered on the river to chant Islamic slogans. Iranians gathered on their side to

On Saturday rioting Soviet Azeria were reported to have torn down border installans. Southern Soviet Azerbaijan belonged to

Scientists search for cause **East German opposition** Mystery virus kills babies walks out in security row

ter Halbritter, the Government's representative at the The atmosphere at the sixth problems finding new jobs for round-table session had been former workers.

made tense when Herr Koch admitted that of the 85,000 full-time former employees of the Office for National Security, 60,000 were still at their posts and some were still in session of arms.

ional Security and Herr Wal-

The Government promised two months ago that the hated state security service, the Stasi, would be reformed and solve the Office of National

Security completely. Herr Koch told the opposition that the service was being dis-mantled "step by step" and said that there had been He also promised that the

practise of bugging East Germans whom the authorities believed politically suspect has now been stopped. His account was greeted with anger and disbelief by the

opposition representatives, many of whom had to be restrained from leaving the table immediately. The opposition fears that

ex-Stasi workers will be restored to state posts if the equal consultative pariner.

succeeds in founding an agency to combat right-wing groups in the country and an information service, ostensibly to control neo-Nazism. The fraces is the culmina-

tion of a week of growing tension around the talks. The atmosphere worsened last Thursday when opposition participants claimed that they were being belatedly informed of the government's legislative plans and were thus powerless to influence them. Herr Modrow promised to provide more information but made clear that the Government did not see the opposition as an

Continued from nage 1 A review of infant deaths showed that two other babies had died on Christmas Eve. Another two deaths occurred at the end of last week.

The team of specialists has conducted a battery of tests, and samples of air and water have been sent for analysis. Bacterial infections such as Legionnaire's disease have been ruled out. So too has a fungus, apsergulus, which can cause pneumonia, and traces of which were found in airconditioning ducts at the hospital

The illness has been termed by investigators as "adult respiratory distress syn-

drome". Dr Michael Rigby, a consultant in paediatric cardiology at the hospital, said yesterday: "The children all died from complete failure of the lungs. It is a severe and unusual illness complicated by heart problems and is like

There is no evidence of it being caused by the common influenza virus and we are almost certain that it is not a

little ill and chesty.

"We have yet to exclude outside agents such as contamination of oxygen, ventila-

tion equipment or drugs that have been used." He said the hospital was "reasonably happy" that no other children at the hospital was at risk. No patients have been

admitted to the intensive care unit since January 2 becaus of the measures. A total of 34 babies had been admitted to the unit since the beginning of December, 20 of whom had been in operating theatres.

"The most likely cause is a cause of the deaths has been virus, which if a healthy adult made more difficult because caught it, would make them a of an increases in cases of respiratory infections among both babies and adults recently admitted to the hospital.

Political sketch

Just like the old days of the 80s

Social Security and a sprinkling of festive hangovers among MPs – and what's a sure-fire way of getting them

Solution? Dennis Skinner. a pair of jump leads, and a Question about the "plight of

Plink-plink, fizz and they unusually head-banging mood, even for a Skinner, and kick-started the Chamber into a roaring start for the

"All this waffle and talk he growled: "and a lot never got a penny piece ... "Repay the £12 a week this Government stole from every single pensioner in the land

The Tory side whipped themselves into a modest frenzy of indignant yelps, popping up and down (like Hornchurch's Robin Squire) to protest Tory benevolence. It was just like old times:

just like the 80s. The old order might be disintegrating around us but down at the Commons they were limber-ing up with all the familiar exercises. Skinner on pen-sioners was the parliamentary equivalent of the dash from the rugby field down to the stream and back, with which our sports master used to get us all going at the beginning of a damp games session.

I mentioned that the mem-ber for Bolsover was in headbanging mood. As the row rumbled on, an unmistakeable smell of

model-acroplane-glue drifted up. I peered down first at Skinner, then in the direction of Labour's Dave Nellist (Coventry SE), Mr Nellist makes a point of keeping his finger on the pulse of the under-class and regularly raises the plight of vagrant youth; and it struck me that he might have taken up gluesniffing in a gesture of solidarity. But not it did not seem to be coming from

Did it, then, come from Tory MPs who had been helping their sons assemble Christmas gifts - model Tri-dent missile kits, perhaps? The mystery was never solved and, gradually, the odom dispersed.

But not the head-banging. Without provocation, Tony

Take a cold January Monday, Favell (C, Stockport) acteristically intemperate attack on single mothers - or rather (he implied) those whose "fault" it was that they were single. Our social security system, he feit, should Favell had obviously had more seasonal charity than he

bah! humbug!" mood. (characteristically) intemper ate Richard Holt (C. Lang barrgh). "My consti resent paying taxes to bon up other people's children

Now it was Labour's turn to be cross. Anger on the Opposition benches was carheaded by Clare Short, a abour spokesman.

"Cabinet Ministers" she said, looking coldly across at the Tories, "have created a significant number of lone parents themselves". It was a resstly tectic to adopt in what is essentially a boys' game. There was a second's

hesitation — was this sort of thing - well ... sporting Then the protests broke out. "Well it's true" said Me Short. As if in politics that was any sort of an argument Junior minister Gillian Shephard was having none of

it, from the boys or girls on either side. Mrs Shephard was shaping up well yesterda for the post of infants' school wished neither to encourage nor punish - single-parenthood, she told us with quiet command: just to give help And when, later, argume

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broke out as to whether or not people were living longer under the Tories — and Harry Greenway (C, Faling N) said that instead of an £11 congratulatory telegram, to choose a bottle of "champagne, whisky, parsnip-wine or a box of the fudge sold at the House of Commons show - Mrs Shephard laid the ministerial equivalent of a schoolmistress's hand on little Harry's shoulder and told him to make the offer himself. to the centegenarians.

"Particularly" she said turning gently to the babbling. Greenway, "the House of Commons Pudge".

Matthew Parris

Mandela release 'near'

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Early last month Mr de Klerk stated publicly that would be treed by added: "I'm not prepared to speculate when."

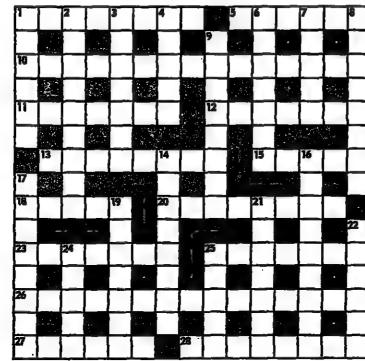
● LONDON: Sources in Whitehall said yesterday that it appeared "most likely" that Mandela would be released in late January or early February

(Andrew McEwen writes). The British Government has kept up constant pressure for

Sir Robin Renwick, the British Ambassador in South Africa, raised the matter at a meeting with Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, just before Christmas.

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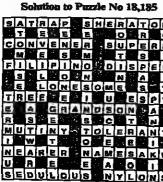
5 Dance garment (6). 10 Monarch who could have be-come a Chartist herself (7,3,5). 11 Love-bird in the first place has

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ern peak (8). 15 Once one has put the pictures back, run (5). 18 A sign to know (5).

20 Mare they broke for redskin (8). 23 Is plentiful because without 25 Flap when officer's in a state (7).

Should valet shave first, perhaps, for the thanksgiving service? (7,8).



27 Giving drugs as an invitation to entertain (6). 28 Trinity House members are in order (8).

1 "Myself when young did eagerly frequent ____ and Saint" (Fitzgerald) (6).

DOWN

A quiet way to get into oil? That's a laugh (9). 3 Give drink, say, to Englishman

Brahmin, for example, is a good man, even in another denomination (5). 6 Unable to play the ball, so out of

7 Head off scarcity in the world Insurrection extinguished by a division (8).

9 Accident on transport system comes to court (8). 14 It is used to preserve secret ciphers when unscrambled (8).16 Work study man who rescues

17 Engaged new head with tact (8). 19 Girl showing enthusiasm for this

A small amount in the lid, where it's usually found (7). 22 Hanging disheartened ugly devil

24 lt's a major risk to include Iris

25 The leaders of the island race are of those people (5).

Concise crossword, page 18

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

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A. Tightly closed

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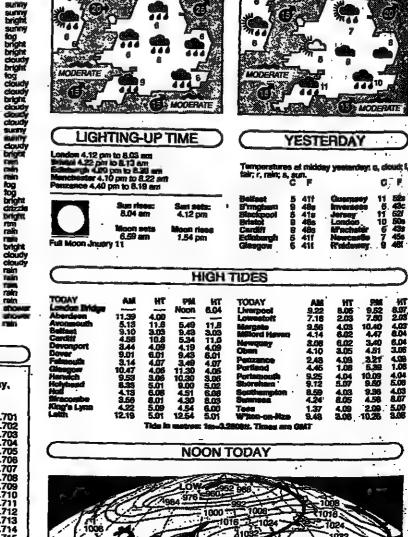
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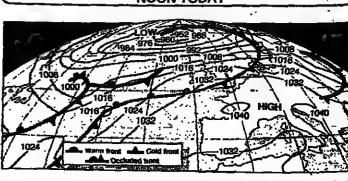
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Ferranti contract

Ferranti International, the de frauded defence and electron ics group, yesterday won a multi-million pound contract to produce a sonar system for the West German navy. Last year, it sold a sona system to New Zealand.

Ellis ahead

Ellis & Everard pre-tax profits rose 54 per cent to £7.78 million in the six months to October. Eps rose 16 per cent to 9.3p and the interim dividend by 10 per cent to 2.2p.

Tempus, page 22 Goode higher

Goode Durrant is raising its interim dividend from 1.75p to 2.15p a share on pre-tax profits of £6.7 million (£5.47 million) for the half-year toOctober. Turnover was £140.9 million (£109 million). Tempus, page 22

Tomkins jumps

Pre-tax profits from Tomkins which owns Smith & Wesson the US gunmaker, rose from £19.1 million to £23.3 million in the first half to end October. The interim dividend is 2.7p, a rise from 2.0p. Tempus, page 22

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US prime cut follows Fed credit signal

By James Bone, New York, and Rodney Lord, London

Leading American banks Fed had shifted its targets for yesterday began to cut the Federal Funds—the rate at their prime lending rate from 10.5 per cent to 10 per cent after it became clear that the Federal Reserve Board is easing credit. First National Bank of Chicago made the first move but was quickly joined by Citi-corp, the largest US bank-

ing company.
Later Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Bank of America, Texas National Bank and Pittsburgh National Bank all joined the move.

A decline in prime rates, the interest rate banks charge their best customers, had been expected last year when the Fed began easing credit but it was delayed by the firmness of key money-market interest rates, including adjustable home-equity loans, and persistent uncertainty about the Fed's lotentions.

Short-rates are not at the 8.25 per cent level where they were just before Christmas, said Mr Ravi Bulchandani, an economist at Goldman Sachs, the securities house. "Now that it is clear that the Fed is targetting 8.25 per cent it is logical that other rates should follow it down," he added. Mr Bulchandani said the

which banks lend to each other overnight — to 8.25 per cent because of concern about a softening of the US econ-

terday followed a false start in November when the trendsetting South West Bank of St Louis trimmed its prime rate to 10 per cent but then raised it back to 10.5 per cent when leading banks did not follow.

The dollar was already moving down when the cuts in prime rates were announced and after the news, the US

currency weakened further. By the close of trading in London the dollar had fallen by 0.75 plennigs to DM1.6695.

Sterling had a reasonably firm day rising 1.50 cents to \$1.6530 and 0.89 plennigs against the mark to DM2.7572. The effective rate index rose 0.2 to 87.2. Traders said Britain's relatively high interest rates, which are not expected to be affected by the cuts in the US, were helping to support the currency.

Gilt-edged prices fell on fears that the Government's policy of "full funding" - or in present circumstances match-

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budget surplus - might be abandoned or modified. Longdated stocks were about £1

Although it has abandoned lans to hold another reverse gilt auction during the early part of this year, the Bank of England said yesterday that Government's funding policy remains unchanged.

In the European Monetary System the modest devaluation of the lira and narrowing of the band within which if may fluctuate helped the Italian currency to rise.

In setting the new rates the Italian government chose to its previous 6 per cent band but brought down the central rate and the ceiling to provide for the same 24 per cent band as adopted by the other members of the exchange rate mechanism, excluding Spain. The effective devaluation of the central rate was 3.68 per

By the close of trading the lina had risen from about 754 to the mark in New York before the weekend to about 7481/2. Other EMS cross-rates were little changed, the Dan-ish krone firming slightly.

A firm defence of the

French franc's parity with the mark by M Pierre Beregovoy, the French finance minister, led some market traders to conclude that continued strains within the EMS are more likely to be resolved by changes in interest rates than by further realignments.

M Beregovoy said there is no debate inside the government about the policy of

Water company sails to £81.4m at half-time

Thames on course for £170m

Thames Water, the biggest of the water authorities privatized last month, is on target to meet the full-year prospectus forecast with interim profits for the six months to end-September of £81.4

There is no interim dividend, but Thames, which kicks off the first halfway reporting season for the water industry, has forecast a 9.72p dividend after pre-tax profits of at least £170 million for the full year.

Mr Roy Watts, the chairman, speaking at the Hyde Park Corner shaft for the London tunnel ring main being built by Thames, said there had been three significant events since the half-year end.

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Reynolds

From Philip Robinson

Los Angeles

Mr Jeff Reynolds, the Texas

businessman, claimed last night he had secured Aus\$250

million (£121 million) to in-

ject into Mr Alan Bond's troubled Bond Corporation and was in the final stages of

amassing lines of credit worth

several billion dollars to bid

for the company if necessary.

The authority had completed the purchase of the water treatment business from Portals Holdings and arranged a £75 million loan from the European Investment Bank, he said.

Tunneling for the future of Thames: Roy Watts, chairman, at the Hyde Park Corner site of London's main ring shaft

The water company has also signed an innovative design and construction contract with Taylor Woodrow under which the builder will carry out various large capital investment contracts for Thames.

These have already been identified and could be worth as much as £200 million over the next two years.

The interim figures included a £16.3 million extraordinary debit. This is accounted for by a one-off cost of about £6 million from unfunded liabilities in

respect of several of Thames' pension funds and the expenses of the float and consequent restructuring. The figures contained few surprises for

the City, although some analysts com-plained about the dearth of information In the market, the shares lost 3p to

Mr Chris Rowland at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, said: "They are still suffering a bit from being seen as an easy stock to sell by the Government. Consequently they were structured in a way which doesn't give them much scope for much dividend growth relative to the

Decline in retail sales of 0.4% during November

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

rates kept consumers away in November, and gave renewed encouragement that Government strategy is working.

Final volume retail sales showed a seasonally-adjusted fall of 0.4 per cent in November, halving the fall reported in the preliminary figures.

Analysts were disappointed but underlined that year-onyear retail sales growth had slowed to 0.5 per cent and some forecasters are even looking for a year-on-year fall in the December figures.

Reports of high street sales picking up last month are not expected to alter the broader picture, and retail sales are expected to fall back again this month as increases come through on annually adjusted mortgage rates. In the three

Latest retail sales and credit months ended in November, outstanding to finance houses data show that high interest retail sales were 0.4 per cent and specialist credit instituabove the previous three months and 1.25 per cent three years. above the same period last

> sales rose about 6 per cent in November against the same month in 1988. Sales by food retailers in the latest three months were 1.5 per cent down on the previous £119 million. three months. Sales by nonfood retailers and mixed busi-

nesses showed respective increases of 1.4 and 1.3 per cent. New credit advanced to consumers by UK finance houses, building societies and on bank credit cards was £3.80 billion, seasonally adjusted, in November, up from £3.70 billion the previous month

and compared with £3.23 billion in November 1988.

tions was the first decline in New credit advanced to year. In value terms, retail

business was £614 million, broadly in line with the average so far for last year, but the amount outstanding in business loans was below the average of previous months at Bank of England figures on

notes in circulation - the main component of the narrow money supply measure, MO - support the view that consumers may have been spending more boldly for Christmas and New Year.

Notes in circulation rose an adjusted 7.0 per cent in the week to January 3. This compares with a 6.3 per cent rise the week before and 4.5 in A £13 million fall in credit the middle of December.

"We've already got most of our banking in line," he said. "We've got to be prepared for Aus\$4 billion (in non-equity financing). We have not released any details, but we are close." The proposed bid through

Mr Reynolds' Singaporebased California Pacific International Holdings and its US offshoot, Weatherby Investments, has been met with scepticism from financial analysts around the world. Mr Reynolds said: "This is

a serious and very legitimate offer. I would not have subjected myself to this otherwise. It would be too disastrous to our other busi-nesses to pull this as a stunt."

next summer when I'm at the helm (of Bond)." He said negotiations have been conducted between him and Bond's staff, and he will need the 58 per cent votes held by Alan Bond's Dalihold

Bond cash | Pact closer on tunnel costs By John Bell, City Editor

Senior executives from Euro- Costain went to yesterday's target works would enable

sharp improvement in tunnel-Link, the Anglo-French conling on the British side. sortium building the cross channel link, made further progress in settling the long running dispute over costs.

A record 56 metres were bored in the main marine tunnel and a total of 147 The TML camp was said to be confident that it is close to settling important differences on crucial parts of the project known as "the target works" which include the tunnelling

metres was achieved in the three tunnels under construction on the British side. Aside from disputes over the cost of the target works, Eurotunnel is seeking to reitself. Mr Philippe Essig, TML chairman, Mr Neville Simms

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move the 6 per cent limit on the shared element of the

tunnel and Transmanche meetings buoyed by Sunday's Eurotunnel to present a clearer picture to the 208 banks when it meets them today.

> The other main areas of dispute, on lump sum works including the terminal buildings, are unlikely to be resolved this week and will almost certainly go to arbitration.

Under the terms of the original contract TML bears the costs of any overruns, said of Tarmac and Mr Peter overuns. Agreement on the to be £380 million.

Guinness recovers Boesky money

By George Sivell Guinness, the drinks con-

glomerate, yesterday recover-ed just over \$30 million (£18.75 million) of \$100 million (£62.5 million) written off three years ago after its previous management invested in an investment fund run by the disgraced American arbitrageur, Mr Ivan Boesky. Guinness will treat the \$30

profit. It expects to recover the Boesky children, Mr and Mrs remainder of its investment in the next couple of years. CX Partners, formerly Ivan

F Boesky and Co Pic, yesterday distributed around \$248 million (£155 million) to its limited partners in ac-cordance with an agreement among the partners and CX, according to trustees charged with liquidating the fund. In exchange for certain re-

Boesky surrendered their interests in the enterprise and did not participate in the distribution. CX's liquidating trustees said the \$248 million distribu-

tion, amounting to a return of their investment for most of the limited partners, was a major step in the resolution of disputes stemming from Mr Boesky's conduct and the million as a one-off end-year leases to Mrs Boesky and the winding up of the enterprise. | close the deal.

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Dixons forecasts £8.4m fall in profits they buy an electrical product and the services contributed £14.6 million up By Gillian Bowditch warranties are being offered on more from £6.5 million. Turnover was £910

Booming financial services offset sales slump

Dixons, the electrical retailer fighting an increasingly bitter £568 million takeover battle with Kingfisher, expects to make £70 million for the year to April, less than the £78.4 million achieved the year before, but about £20 million more than most analysts were forecasting.

But Dixons expects only £3 million from the sale of electrical and photographic products compared with £30.1 million last time. This figure includes £1.1 million of profit from discontinued businesses and around £2 million from Supasnaps which indicates how much Dixons and Curry shops are suffering. The retail financial services business

which includes the credit business and

the extended warranty business is boom-

ing. UK retail financial services should

make £37 million this year compared

with £13.5 million. More customers are

ranges. Also, £10 million comes from a surplus on extended warranties.

The US chain Silo should make profits of £10 million compared with £14.4 million and the remaining £20 million will come from property development, a similar amount to last time. These figures would give Dixons 11p of earnings per share against 11.6p.

Mr Stanley Kalms, the chairman, said dividends for the full year would not be less than 5.6p, 18 per cent up on last year. He says the forecast demonstrates the resilience of the group in a particularly difficult period for electrical retailing. and that Dixons was past the worst. Interim results for the half-year to November show pre-tax profits down 24 per cent at £32 million. UK retailing made a £600,000 loss compared with a taking out extended warranties when £17 million profit and retail financial

million compared with £891 million and earnings per share were 4.9p, down from 5.9p. The interim dividend is 1.6p, up Dixons has also revalued its property

assets which show a £43.9 million surplus over book value. There is a further potential surplus of £23.8 million on developments in progress. Dixons exclusive brands, Matsui, Miranda and Saisho have been valued at £47 million but are not included in the balance sheet.

Kingfisher said that the Dixons figures showed a chronic deterioration in core retailing businesses and, after stripping what it considers non-recurring profits out of the forecast, Kingfisher put the pre-tax profit figure at £49.8 million giving earnings per share of 6p. Dixons shares closed up 3p at 139p, 19p higher

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Crude oil prices shed

up to \$1.50 per barrel World crude oil prices shed up to \$1.50 per harrel yesterday to just over \$20 a barrel, and experts said they looked set to

tamble further, reversing their recent upward stampede amid

forecasts of milder weather throughout the northern

hemisphere. Physical Brent blend, the North Sca marker

crude, fell by \$1.45 from its close in Europe last week - as

much as \$1 off Friday's already much lower New York close

and West Texas Intermediate, the key US grade, opened the

week \$1.00 cown.

London oil traders said that the price falls will continue. "It is beginning to look like the bubble has burst completely," one declared. Yesterday Mr Ginanjar Kartasamita, the Indonesian oil minister, predicted that crude oil prices would fall to between \$17 and \$18 a barrel in the early part of this

Wheway rises

Wheway, the Birmingham-

ment group, made pre-tax profits of £8.09 million for

the year to September, up 51

per cent on last year. Tura-

over rese from \$77.8 million

to 190.1 million, and earn-

ings per share rose 31 per

cent to 10.74p. The full-year

dividend is 3p, ap 36 per cent. Gearing is 18 per cent.

down from 51 per cent. The

shares fell 2p to 137p.

to £8.09m

week \$1.05 down.

Moss retires

Mr Eddie Moss, aged 57,

has retired as a director and

chairman and chief executive

of the residential division of

Conneil, the residential and

commercial estate agent. Mr

Paul Bown, aged 38, be-comes chairman of the di-vision and Mr Stephen

Shipperley, aged 31, chief executive. They were mem-

bers of the board of manage-

at Connell

Magnum force behind Tomkins

ently insatiable appetite for was a storming performance handguns - sales of up to a from Smith & Wesson, where million pistols a year, and an a backlog of 106,000 guns left estimated 33 million owners—
the factories on 24-hour, 7-day
continues to mean healthy
business for Mr Greg
which in its worst half man-Hutchings' Tomkins.

The shares, tipped in this profit, against losses last time. column for 1990 at 282p just a The question mark remains week ago, advanced another 2p to 295p against the market trend yesterday, and there is little in the interim figures to change that recommendation.

Pre-tax profits came in as expected at £23.3 million, a rise from £19.1 million, with a dividend increased by 35 per cent and a similar jump likely for the full year.

executive, unlike the heads of been required to admit a 2 per some other growth-oriented conglomerates, is wary of setting himself earnings targets that can come back to haunt him in lean times. He is again promising only an above-average performance this year.

Turnover rose by 54 per cent to £290.2 million in the first half to end-October, but this was skewed by the 1988 acquisition of Murray Ohio, turer, which was in for just three months last time, and actual organic growth was about 13 per cent.

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By Colin Campbell

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its acquisition policy. Murray was the last big move, and with gearing of just 10 per cent expected at its April seasonal peak, Mr Hutchings would hardly be human if he were not eyeing the field.

Tomkins does not have a reputation for overpaying, even at the top of the US or the full year. market. But any approach for, Mr Hutchings, the chief say, Delta, in which it has cent holding, or Low & Bonar

> would see the shares selling on about 10.7 times' future earnings, while an increased dividend would offer a yield of more than 4 per cent.

Ellis & Everard

A simple principle has en-abled Ellis & Everard to grow rapidly in the eighties. The giant companies which dominate the chemicals industry



using its 28 per cent stake to

munch a bid

for their products. Manufacturers of that size cannot be bothered with deliveries less than a wagonload. The solution - use distributors such as Ellis, which with Hava, is one of the largest in the UK.

ICI is quite happy toshare
space on Ellis' lorries. Indeed,
ICI has two seats on Ellis'

Protected by this loyal shareholder Ellis has pursued growth in two directions. It has expanded from its base in

commodity chemicals into the distribution of higher margin specialities, such as water . It has also grown in the US.

cals have doubled Ellis' US

The inclusion of Pioneer and United was the main factor behind the 59 per cent rise in sales to £143 million and 54 per cent rise in profits to £7.78 million before tax in the half-year to October. However, after growing by an average of over 25 per cent in the past five years, earnings per share were only 16 per cent up at 9.3p in the first half because of the £25.5 million rights issue to belp pay for the

With Ellis' industrial customers in the UK somewhat depressed, few analysts are expecting profits to exceed £15½ million and earnings are not likely to be up more than Ip at 18p, a rise of only 6 per cent. That would leave the shares, at 238p, on a prospec-tive p/e ratio of 13. Demanding in the short term, but Ellis has a well established historical trend in its favour.

Goode Durrant

The good news from Goode Durrant is that the interim profits and dividend are up. Not so good news is that the motor distribution and housebuilding/construction activities will make 1990 tougher. Investors will not be fright-

losses of Ir£10.6 million.

terest charges alone.

funds of le£90 million.

It is having to pay about

Ir£20 million a year on in-

Mr Paddy Hayes, Water-ford's former chief executive

and group chairman, resigned

last April after Peat Marwick

McLintock, the accountant, revealed that 1988 profits had

been overstated by Ir£15 mil-

Mr Hayes is a former chief

tion due to errors in account-

executive of Ford in Ireland who joined Waterford in 1985

and who the following year masterminded its £235 mil-

lion agreed bid for Wedg-

He was replaced as chair-

Mr Paddy Byrne, the direc-

man by Mr Howard Kilroy,

ever, which rose ap to 119p. There was strong organic growth in the six months ended October - pre-tax profits rose from £5.47 million to £6.7 million on a turnover of £140.9 million (£109 million) - and the balance sheet remains strong.

November's three acquisitions in the vehicle renting field plus the purchase of the shipping containers Ravenstock group will be making their first financial impact in the second half of this financial year, and gearing is still moderate enough to allow for more deals.

Pre-tax profits of about £12.3 million look possible for the year and a total 5.25p net dividend. If so, the shares offer a prospective p/e of 7.6 and a yield of 5.9 per cent. They trade at a 34 per cent discount to the market.

Two factors need to be remembered. Nash family of South Africa through Winnedael bolds 14.9 per cent, with options over a further per cent, but because of Goode's banking licence need Bank of England permission before climbing higher. And there are still stale bulls around after the November. 1987, placing at 235p to stunt any determined rise.

Sedgwick operations reshaped

By Neil Bennett

Sedgwick Group, the in-surance broker, has reorg-anized its worldwide operations into distinct divisions in order to increase efficiency and reduce costs. The company is thought to have debts of about Ir£135 million against shareholders'

From now on, the group will have four divisions, Sedgwick James, a global retail broker, Broking Services, the industrial broker; EW Payne, the world's secondlargest insurance broker, and Sedgwick Lloyd's Underwriting Agents.

The move is part of a rationalization by Mr David Rowland, the chairman, to increase efficiency. When he was appointed 18 months ago. most of Sedgwick's businesses were managed in one holding company, with Fred S James, in the US, and E W Payne, the reinsurance subsidiary, managed separately.

The reorganization has been accompanied by many company name changes and a redesign of the group's logos by Holmes & Marchant The Sedgwick globe symbol re-

Wassall, Metal Closures will today issue its final defence document aimed at fighting off Wassall's £51 million cash and paper kid. Wassall spoke for 30.7 per cent of its target sall's £51 million cash bast Friday and is extending its offer until the end of this week. Its terms of two shares plus 170p cash for three Metal Closures ordinary are worth 200p with Wassall at 215p, against the 188p at which Closures stand in the market.

Closures answers back

In the latest round of the tussle for Metal Closures by

Metal Closures pointed out that Wassall had received acceptances for only 1 per cent of the shares, other than the 29.96 per cent promised by Suter. Metal Closures' chairman, Mr Richard Graves, said: "Our shareholders' dismissal of this bid speaks for itself and they are advised to continue to

Treatt profits Vardy drives increase 24% Treatt, the supplier of oils

and gramatic chemicals, lifted pre-tax profits by 24 per cent to £1.36 million in the year to end-September. Turnover rose by 16 per cent to £11.96 million. Profit margins improved from 10.7 per cent to 11.4 per cent.

Earnings per above two fives
7.96p to 9.82p. The final
dividend is 2.25p, making

charges to £438,000. Group sales rose 34 per cent to 3.25p. The shares eased 3p to 123p. Cooper Clarke ahead

past £2.3m

Reg Vardy, the County Dur-

ham motor dealer which came to the market last

sutums, increased pre-tax

profits by 7 per cent to £2.32

million in the ais areaths to

end-October. There will be

no dividend, however, until

the end of the year. The

advance came despite a 119

per cent rise in interest

Cooper Clarke Group, the specialist building materials distributor which came to the Unlisted Securities Murket in September, raised pre-tax profits by 47 per cent to £598,000 in the six months to end-October, on turnover up 44 per cent to £11.8 million. Earnings per share rise from 4.98p to 6.68p and there is an interim dividend of 1.5p (ail).

Mr Robert Aabby, the chairman, said the second half has

started well, with an increase in gross margins. The company has continued development of its range of specialized building products, sales of which are growing at a faster rate than those of general building materials. Mr Ashby said current and longer-term prospects are encouraging, with continued buoyancy in many areas of the building materials markets. The shares firmed by 4p to 97p.

Group seeks a 29% stake in Waterford Wedgwood

of bulk and packed cement by 6 per cent and 7 per cent, Mr Tony O'Reilly, a former 150 per cent gearing, comes Irish international rugby from Fitzwilton, Mr O'Reilrespectively, to take effect from March I. Irish international rugby winger, hopes to tackle the problems of Waterford Wedg-Delivery charges will also wood, the troubled glass and increase by a national average

of 1.5 per cent for bulk and by china manufacturer. 1.6 per cent for packed ce-Mr O'Reilly, who is chair-man of HJ Heinz, is leading a ment. Blue Circle said both increases were below the rate group of rich investors who of inflation, and that they were hope to take a 29.9 per cent stake in Waterford at less than brought about because of mar-Ir40p (38.05p) a share, a total The group previously raised investment of about ir£70

cement prices by 6.96 per cent for bulk and by 7.72 per cent If the deal, which is still at a for bag on March 1 a year ago. preliminary stage, goes ahead, Mr O'Really will join the Waterford board in a non-The previous increase was in August, 1988. Dearer cement, at a time executive role.

when housebuilding and con-The news sent Waterford struction activity has slowed shares soaring, and they hit Irolp on the Dublin Stock down, will have a knock-on effect on the price of houses Exchange against Friday's although industry sources say close of Irɔ̃ɔ̄p. that cement costs make up only a small part of the overall

Last night Waterford shares closed in London at 57p, up

Blue Circle tempered the announcement with a special 24-tonne bulk haulage rate to labouring under the strain of profit performance is totally

ly's holding company, which has the backing of wealthy investors from the United States and Canada. Mr John Kluge, the com-

munications tycoon, and re-puted to be the richest man in America with a net worth of £3.7 billion, holds 10 per cent of Fitzwitton, as does Mr Paul Desmarais, the Canadian billionaire. Miss Ann Getty, a member of one of the world's richest families, is also a

> Mr O'Reilly has had his aights set on Waterford for two years but pulled back from making a bid in 1988 when his interest became known and the share price rose sharply.

The company has been suffering from a downturn in sales in its crucial British and

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The company added: "Our costs are still too high and any talk of the company being out of the woods is dangerous and leads only to a false sense of

the former deputy chairman. Some analysts consider The bid to take the large In December the company that Waterford is likely to restake in Waterford, which is issed a statement saying: "Our port 1989 losses of 1r220 tor previously responsible for million after interim pre-tax

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Wedgwood, took over as chief AL to sell Wimpys for £13m

Allied Leisure has agreed to sell its 20 Wimpy-franchised restaurants to Grand Metropolitan for £13 million in cash. Mr Richard Carr, chairman

of Allied Leisure, said that the move, planned since last au-tunn, would release funds for expansion of the company's MessBowl ten-pin bowling interests. Allied currently runs five MegaBowl centres.

Mr Carr said Allied was keen to complete the deal before the rate reviews announced last week take effect. He said that half of the restaurants were in London's West End and could face rate rises of up to 400 per cent. This was likely to cause



Carr: gale will aid centres "severe problems", possibly enough to turn last year's profits of £1.85 million made on the restaurants into losses. Mr Carr said that the 20

ing erratically in difficult trad-ing conditions since last July, but were expected to turn in reasonable profits.

Food retailing analysts at James Capel, the broker, said it appeared that Grand Metropolitan had paid a prospective sarnings multiple of around 15 for the Wimpys. The deal will provide useful

cash for Allied, which, according to Mr Carr, is already free of debt. It allows Grand Met to increase the presence in Britain of its BurgerKing fastfood operation. The deal requires approval

by Allied's shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting

on January 25. Allied's shares rose 5p to restaurants had been perform-

STC in Spanish partnership

By Nick Nattall, Technology Correspondent STC, the telecommunications

group, has signed a joint-venture deal with Radio-tronica, of Spain, to develop the Spanish telecommunications market, it was annonneed yesterday.

The agreement with Radiotronica, one of Spain's five main telecommunications and installation companies, comes amid rapid expansion in Spanish telecoms, with the

tion, Telefonica, expected to invest more than £1.7 billion a year on its network. Mr Roger Wood, managing

director of STC Telecommunications Systems Division, described the joint venture with Radiotronica, a subsidiary of Banco Espanol de Credito (Banestro), as very significant."

nation's telephone organiza- manufactures leading-edge

products and systems. Radiotronica provides installation, commissioning and maintenance services of telecoms equipment to Telefonica and supplies turnkey telecoms systems to major Spanish public

Radiotronica expects the deal to bring it key products needed to capitalize on Span-He said: "STC develops and ish telecoms market growth.

ventures in the United States. These new exploration and development initiatives - the first to be mounted by British Gas in the United States - will be carried out by a subsidiary of British Gas, BG Exploration America.

British Gas

in joint US

ventures

By David Young Energy Correspondent

British Gas is to accelerate its

overseas oil and gas explora-

tion programme by taking part

in two new joint exploration

The company is to launch joint exploration programmes in the Gulf of Mexico and Gulf Coast region. A letter of intent covering on and offshore Texas exploration has been finalized with BHP Petroleum (Americas), a di-vision of Broken Hill Propri-

ctary of Australia. A second letter of intent for exploration and development on and offshore Louisiana and Alabama has been completed with Atlantic Richfield.

The programme is likely to involve drilling about 20 exploratory wildcats throughout the Gulf Coast area.

BG Exploration America will also become involved in the development of several gas fields already operated by ARCO in the offshore Ala-

Aiming to concentrate on smaller companies in the West

S&P launches European unit trust

By Jon Askworth, Berlin.

high-fliers of the 1990s, according to Save & Prosper, which has launched the first European unit trust of the decade. Appropriately, Berlin was chosen for the launch of the European Smaller Companies Fund, which goes on offer to investors in Britain this weekend.

But glasnost or not, the fund is in no hurry to venture beyond the Brandenburg Gate for its investments.

The fund will be free to invest in the emerging stock markets of Eastern Enrope, but has decided to play it safe. instead, it will look to western European markets which it claims are under-developed, under-researched and under-capitalized

These include the Netherlands, Spain, France and West Germany, which together account for over 70 per cent of

the portfolio. Mr Julian Tregoning, director of unit trusts, said: "As the '70s and '80s belonged to Japan and the Far East, we strongly believe that the 1990s will prove to be Europe's decade. Combine the European Commu-

nity's single market approach with the recent dramatic events in Eastern Europe and the time must be right for investment in Europe.' Mr Chris Tracey, the investment

director, said analysts would visit companies on-site before deciding whether to

There are many companies out there which are well-run, trading profitably and creating the right products for Europe. But 80 per cent of them remain totally unmonitored by European and UK investment houses and undervalued by the as yet inefficient European stock markets on which their shares are traded." The initial portfolio will be

weighted towards Spain with 19 per cent, France with 22 per cent, and West Germany with 24 per cent.

The Netherlands will account for 10 per cent, and 4 per cent will be held in cash. Smaller stakes will be held in Belgium, Switzerland, Norway, Portugal, Denmark and Italy.

The minimum investment in the fund is £500 as a lump sum or £25 a month in regular savings. A bonus has been built in for investors who hold their units for at least 10 years.

Lump-sum investors receive extra units worth 10 per cent of the amount invested at launch and regular savers 10 per cent of their first year's con-

The fund will be managed by Mr Steven Bates, director of Fleming International Investment Management. The fixed offer period opens on January 13, and closes on February 2.

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Whenay, the Birminghan based industrial manners group, made profits of £8.09 million when the year to September, man for truse from £77.8 million, and many per cent on 10s7 fear. In the £90.1 million, and many per share rose \$10 million, and many per share rose \$10 million and from \$10 million cent. Gearing is \$18 m and the first from \$1 per cent. Gearing is \$18 per cent. Gearing is \$18 per cent. Shares \$20 to \$1370. inflation range, leading to a cut in real terms in prices for the consumer. He also hinted that the new tariff structure, which is now being finalized, could also lead nity. However, he did not ing companies to be created

Mr Wakeham indicated that the cheaper coal prices to be paid over the next three years by the new privatized generating business should be be announced within the next passed on to the consumer.

He said: "Coal prices will continue to fall significantly in was no reason why any price real terms throughout the years of the contract and I certainly expect this price fall to be reflected in the future levels of electricity prices. That is good news for customers.

Mr Wakeham said the new to lower electricity prices for coal contracts between British some sectors of the commu-Coal and the two new generat-

Cheaper power will follow the elaborate on whether this on privatization will allow that the Government's privatization of the electricity would mean cuts for the Coal to carry on with its ization of electricity was industry, according to Mr domestic user or for the large reconstruction against the proceeding on schedule and background of firm contracts. background of firm contracts. the 12 area electricity boards He added that the new deal in England and Wales should. should dispel speculation of be coming to the market early further job losses in the coal next year. Two generating companies will be floated off)

However, he said the Gov-

whether it would be necessary

together or whether they

should be sold off at separate

times as originally planned.

that the Government had a

shortlist of prominent indus-

trial leaders who it will ap-

Mr Wakeham announced

Mr Wakeham said the Gov- in the autumn. ernment will complete its financial reconstruction of the coal industry in March this year and should then be able for the two generating comto end its £2 million-a-day support

He said that in future the Government would make no contribution to British Coal's operating costs, although it would still provide aid for any large reconstruction nec-

The energy secretary added chairman of National Power.

Trading losses, notice at optician

By Gillian Bowditch

Specialeyes, the optical chain which had the backing of Mr Jim Raper, the financier, when it floated on the over-the counter market five years ago, has given warning of "trading losses" at the interim stage.

The group is due to announce its figures later this

ernment had vet to decide Specialeyes says the losses have been caused by the severe downturn in the optical panies to come to the marketi market since the withdrawal of the Government eye test subsidy on April 1 last year.

> erbated by the general downturn in the retail sector. Specialeyes has outlets in some of the British Home

The problem has been exac-

The shares, which have been been listed on the USM, for over a year fell 7p to 22p. At the time of their listing, they were about 65p. A spokesman for Special

Stores shops.

eyes said the group had experienced a drop in sales of about 25 per cent compared with 33 per cent for the industry as a He said the industry had

suffered from a bulge in the pipeline as business which would have come on stream this year came in a rush before the subsidy deadline of April

The group doubled its pre-tax profits for the year to May 1989 to £1.1 million. These figures were boosted by the business done in the run-up to April 1. For the six months to November 1988, the group made £538,000.

Norwegians take 75% **HLD** stake

By Our City Staff

Norwegian engineering company Kvaerner has bought a 75 per cent stake in HLD, the Scottish group that owns Clark Kincaid, the mechanical

engineering company.

Kvaerner refused to disclose what the deal was worth. and a statement did not say from whom Kvaerner had bought the shares.

The HLD group also includes Britparts, the motor spare parts company. Clark Kincaid, based in

Greenock near Glasgow, produces diesel motors for ships. The company has an annual turnover of some 200 million Norwegian crowns (£18.6 million) and employs 450 people.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Little extras that make Dixons so appealing

finance director, might be reeling with shock after seeing Dixons Group's profits forecast. On the other hand, he may not.

Dixons, it turns out, is a store of assets, not the run-down retailer fit for the knacker's yard which Mr Norman sought to expose in Kingfisher's analysis of the "real value" last week. Primed by Mr Norman, Kingfisher chairman Geoffrey Mulcahy told Dixons shareholders that their company had only £42 million of fixed property assets, but Conrad Ritblat, the surveyor, has managed to turn up £175 millions of property. Not all of it is categorized as "fixed property assets", which probably accounts for Mr Norman's confusion. But the surplus over valuation amounts to £43.9 million and there is an additional £23.8 million to come from completing and letting properties in the course of development.

In fact, Mr Norman must now be licking his lips at the prospect of getting his calculator around Dixons' numbers. For not only is the property portfolio worth substantially more than expected, but Dixons has also managed to find a £49 million pension fund surplus, which is enough to relieve the company of pension fund obligations for years. Dixons could take a £7 million pension fund credit to profits this year, but is simply reducing the contribution to zero.

If Kingfisher does complete the Dixons takeover, there are yet more treats in store for the lucky buyer. Kingfisher was worried that Dixons might be running out of little extras to pump into the profit and loss account, but an over provision of £30 million has been discovered in the extended warranty reinsurance book operated

Achie Norman, Kingfisher's lively through the Isle of Man. This will be slipped into profits: £10 million this year and more in the next two years. Finally, Mr Norman might be able to make something of the £47 million brand valuation by Interbrand: perhaps he could offer the brand rights back to the Dixons directors who would be deposed after the takeover, but they probably wouldn't buy.

Mr Mulcahy called the brand valuation "Noddyland", but even leaving that aside Dixons has produced the best part of £150 millions of near cash surplus.

Dixons has produced enough "capital extras" to justify a higher offer than 120p a share, especially since trading, although bad, is not so bad that shareholders need a rescue. Even after Kingfisher has filleted the profits forecast back to basics, the numbers still emerge at the higher end of analysts' ranges, although the composition of the profits does show an alarming trend in its retailing returns.

This will have to be reversed if Dixons is to retain the support of its shareholders, and Stanley Kalms, the chairman, needs to demonstrate that the management has been strengthened so that the core business can be teased back to health. Dixons is, after all, a retailing company rather than a property company, an insurance underwriter or a middle-man for hire purchase companies. If Dixons continues to attribute the decline in profits in the retailing operations entirely to market conditions, presenting the company as a victim of circumstance, a bid not far north of 1200 could begin to look attractive.

Something needs to change at Dixons. Either Mr Kalms can do it. Or he can leave it to Kingfisher.

EMS still feeling the strain he devaluation of the lira just inflation. It made that crystal clear last

ahead of the weekend was a clever piece of work by the Italians. But it will do little to ease the strains currently being felt inside the EMS.

"Devaluation" may be the wrong word. The Bank of Italy has not given itself any additional room for the lira to weaken but has narrowed the permitted band of fluctuation from 6 per cent to the regulation 214 per cent while keeping the same floor for the currency.

But the lira is not the most pressing problem anyway. The axis of strain is between a Bundesbank determined to keep control of inflation and a French government which is equally wedded to the franc fort. The Bundesbank has made no secret of the fact that it thinks the French should devalue. Buoyed by the potential economic benefits of democracy in Eastern Europe, the mark has risen strongly and the Bundesbank is determined to keep it that way to help bear down on

week when it intervened to nip an incipient dollar rally in the bud despite the German currency's strong rise. The Germans are determined to keep themselves free to raise interest rates to whatever level they feel necessary to squeeze out inflation and preserve and enhance the external value of their currency. In short, the Bundesbank is behaving exactly as it is supposed to behave as the anchor of the EMS.

Doing the right thing, however, it a notoriously uncertain way of making friends. The French have never felt comfortable with the Bundesbank's ascetic ways. When the Germans allegedly proposed a meeting of European finance ministers recently to consider a general realignment the French demurred, succeeding in confining the change to the essentially technical adjustment of the lira.

Carclo to sell car spring maker

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Shares in Carclo Engineering for a business with annual rose by 4p to 125p yesterday sales of £50 million and net after it announced it is to sell assets of £17 million. Howits Woodhead automotive spring business. Profits at sorber division was slightly Woodhead fell in the first half larger than Woodhead's of the current year after probems with new machinery.

New power prices, which will come into effect on April

t and take the industry up to

its privatization in 1991, will

Mr Wakeham said there

rises should not be within the

Having had offers from Japanese, West German and US car spring makers, Mr John Ewart, Carclo's chairman, has asked Robert Fleming, its merchant bank, to find £700,000 in the six months to

Mr Ewart would not say what price he expects, but This setback in the spring noted that Armstrong Equipment's vehicle shock absorber the 9 per cent fall in group preside was sold to Tenneco of tax profits to £3.96 million in the US for a high price in May. the first half, on sales which However, he expects the pro-However, he expects the pro-ceeds to put Carclo in a net million. cash position, compared with gearing of 39 per cent at end-

assets of £17 million. However, Armstrong's shock abmanufacturing side, which has sales of £30 million and assets of £10 million. Woodhead was bought three years ago for £16 million in cash and shares. The business to be sold

made operating profits of only September, a fall of 22 per cent on the first half of 1988-89. division accounted for all of Earnings per share fell by 8

per cent to 6.6p, though the

interim dividend is to increase Tenneco paid £58 million by 15 per cent to 1.55p.



Sorting through the offers: John Ewart, chairman of Carclo.

contract, JP233, have dropped compared with £8.63 million

previously.

Revision | Profits warning at Bemrose by Lovell

cent from 13.4 per cent after a share block withdrawal. Higgs shares slid another 14p to 434p, compared to the equivalent of almost 479p on offer from Lovell.

Flextech gain Flextech more than doubled

pre-tax profits to £2.21 million in the six months to end-September, on turnover up from £13 million to £14.8 jumped from 2.2p to 5p. There is a combined interim and final of not less than 0.75p

Neepsend raised pre-tax prof

Jersey higher

Jersey Electricity has lifted pre-tax profits from £5.03 year to end-September. The final on the ordinary and 'A' shares is 18p for the year to October 1, 1989, making 27p for the period, against 25p.

Neepsend up

its from £116,000 to £436,000 in the six months to end September. Earnings per share rose from 0.68p to 2.12p. The interim is 0.5p, against 0.4p.

million to £7.2 million in the

By Our City Staff A setback in its calendar and into losses in the first half at

YI Lovell has revised its Higgs & Hill acceptances to 13.3 per difference on both Bemrose Yattendon Inc., its sides of the Atlantic has led Bernrose, the cheque and ticket printer, to forecast a fall de Zoete Wedd, expected the in profits for 1989. The shares full year total to rise to £5.8 shed 10p to 172p on the news and analysts suggested a more forecast to £4.6 million and severe reaction was only avoid his forecast of earnings per by the company's promise to share has been reduced from maintain its final dividend at 22.5p to 17.6p. 7p, bringing the total for the year to 11.3p.

Bemrose made profits of Wigglesworth, Bemrose's £5.48 million before tax in chief executive, plans to cut \$1 1988 and despite a downturn million of annual overheads

defence and component dis-

tribution company, yesterday

reported a 35 per cent rise in

interim pre-tax profits from £2.7 million to £3.6 million

after a rejigging of its business

to reduce exposure to defence

Earnings per share grew from 3.6p to 4.74p, and divi-

dend payments rose from 72p to 85p. ML shares ended 12p

Group sales rose from £49

million to £58 million. Sales

contract income.

stronger at 1230.

US associate, Mr Tim Rothwell, an analyst with Barclays million. He has now cut this

In the belief that 1990 will not be an easy year, Mr David

Rejigged ML advances 35%

By Angela Mackay

ML Holdings, the aerospace, derived from ML's biggest - ker, forecasts an annual pre-defence and component dis- and now completed - defence tax profit of £10.6 million,

from 50 per cent of group

turnover a couple of years ago, to between 10 and 15 per cent

for the full year, and in 1990-

91 should be about 1 per cent.

should not set earnings back particularly because ML had

been bolstered by the purchase of aircraft and cargo handling

assets and an underwater ve-

Smith New Court, the bro-

hicle specialist.

Analysts said that this

by closing the head office of Bemrose Yattendon in St Charles, near Chicago. Its two smallest subsidiares will be sold and the remaining businesses will report directly to him. Mr Robert Evans, the executive brought in from US industry to run Bemrose Yattendon, has resigned and has also left Bemrose's board.

The decision marks the reversal of the ambitious plan to build up a major supplier in the US of giftware and promotional items.

About £1 million of the £5.8

million that ML received from

selling its engineering arm will

emerge as an extraordinary

item at the end of the year.

Funds from the sale of a

seven-acre site near Maiden-

head will probably be used to

reduce borrowings, now £8

million. Analysts suggest that

the site is worth between £5

million and £7 million.

Thames Water Plc

Interim Results in line with Prospectus Forecasts

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

I am delighted that Thames Water has attracted such a large number of shareholders, over 650,000 at the start of dealing.

The results for the half year ended 30 September 1989 are shown below. They are as expected. They are consistent with the profit forecast for the full year contained in the Prospectus, namely a pre-tax profit on ordinary activities of at least £170M (£178M on a pro forma basis). We are confident of achieving this.

As Thames Water was transferred to the private sector part way through the current financial year, the directors expect to recommend a single dividend at the year end of 9.72p per ordinary share, as per the Prospectus.

We have an experienced, competent and progressive Board and management with high professional standards throughout the company. We all look forward to serving our shareholders for many years to come. On 15 December 1989 we completed the

acquisition of PWT from Portals Holdings PLC. Results from PWT will not significantly impact on our figures until next year. A further measure the Board took in

December was the signing of a substitute funding facility for the Utility business through a £75 million Ioan agreement with the European Investment Bank.

In addition, on 19 December we signed an innovative "extended arm" contract with Taylor Woodrow Management Contracting Ltd, setting out terms and conditions under which they will carry out the design, management and construction of a number of major improvement works at sewage and water treatment plants.

ROY WATTS Chairman

GROUP RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1989.

	TW (nuanouse
TURNOVER	<u> 297.2</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	72.7
Other income	5.2
Net interest receivable	<u>3.5</u>
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES PRE AND	
POST TAX	81.4
Extraordinary items	(16.3)
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE	
TO SHAREHOLDERS	<u>65.1</u>

For answers to any shareholder enquiries ring 0345 414140 (charged at local rate).

High flier Hazel

CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE Hoping to take off shortly in a new career is Hazel Willis, aged 30, a fund manager at Throgmorton Investment Trust both before and after a two-year stint with City public relations firm Binns Cornwall. For she is now leaving the Square Mile altogether to become a commercial airline pilot, having won a sponsored place on a two-year training course with Air UK and Cabair, based in Elstree, Hertfordshire. She will learn to fly Fokker 27's, with twin prop engines, and will also qualify as an instructor. In accordance with the best of City traditions, her colleagues at Throgmorton Trust helped underwrite the guarantee, amounting to about £10,000, necessary to ensure a place on the course because of its high cost. "I'm selling my flat, the car goes back - it's back to poverty for me," says Willis, who worked her last day yesterday. "But I just love flying, it's something you have

Last out

MENTAL STATE OF THE PARTY OF TH Section 1 Sectio Paul Jarvis, a blue buttonturned-market maker at Schroder Securities, was made redundant yesterday when the to first in the rod firm announced that its was withdrawing from UK market-making But since Schroders only made markets in

another of her interests.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Long Stay Park Part II

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers yesterday, talk of the £5,000 vealed in this column - has

With Daniel Jeffreys, former described by his former col-head of the BBC's financial leagues as a "mergers and unit and one-time economist at acquisitions whiz kid," has Cazenove, beginning his new just left Binns Cornwall for a job as a UK equity strategist at more lucrative job offer - and £20,000 car allowance — from Lowe Bell Financial. On his car park bill he notched up at last day, at the end of Decem-Heathrow Airport - and re- ber, the office manager took back his car keys and reonce again been circulating quested the whereabouts of the south of the river, in CSV's car - an Audi Quattro. The ritzy Cotton's Centre head- car, he was informed, was in a quarters. And it seems that he local multi-storey car park and may have set something of a kad been there since the end of precedent. Financial public October relations man Paul Vann, £1,015. October, The bill? A cool

10 stocks - all smaller companies and 95 per cent of them clients - he is the only market-maker the firm employed. "We decided 18 months ago that we wanted to be an agency broker and this was a left over from the

highly profitable."



previous regime," says director Alasdair Menzies, "We have expanded our UK equity division from 17 to 33 people in the past 18 months. Of the 280 people we employ, 75 per cent are employed in the Far Eastern markets, which are

Shining on

With talk of City job losses once again mounting, the soon-to-be-swelled ranks of the unemployed should perhaps bear in mind the findings of a national survey in the US. According to the 250 staff recruitment agencies questioned, the most common reason for turning down a male job seeker was the fact that he was wearing dirty or scuffed shoes. But who commissioned the report ? None other than Kiwi, the shoe polish manufacturer.

Gilts lose their shine Of the three women and four

men laid off by Baring Brothers last week, at least one has resigned himself to the fact the gilt market is now so dull that there is little point trying to get another job in it. Sean Bellew, aged 29, a gilt-edged salesman and Cambridge graduate, now describes himself as "a statistic." "The gilt and bond markets are likely to remain boring for a number of years -I can't see the point of trying to get back into them," he says. Having regularly written. a page on Reuters for Barings and edited its gilt-edged bulletin, Bellew now wants to begin a career in either financial journalism or PR. Clearly a multi-talented individual he once ran a pub and then worked for Greens, the City wine merchant. The others to lose their jobs were Corinne Birch, a fixed-interest saleswoman, Phil Heywood, head of European bond trading Giles Scott, Mandy Archer, Mark Britten and Rosemary Maltus Smith, known to her friends as "Buds."

● Employees of US investment bank Salomon Brothers, will be delighted to learn that their chairman, John Gutfreund, has been accorded nortality. The bank part together a deal whereby the Swedish Government has written off a £16 million debt in return for Costa Rica establishing a 210,000 acre national park. As a thank-you, a species of wasp, discovered in the park, is to be named after Gutfreund and called the Erage Gutfreundl.

Carol Leonard

V. WASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim accounts, which are unaudited, for the six months ended 30 September 1989 for the Group have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in the prospectus dated 22 November 1989 containing Listing Particulars of Thames Water Pic and are consistent with the accounting policies adopted for the year ended 31 March 1989. Results for the six months ended 30 September 1988 have not been

presented. The directors believe that comparison with this prior period would not be meaningful in view of changes during the current year in capital structure and regulation and in the level of infrastructure renewals expenditure and other costs associated with the Company's new status as a pic.

The financial information contained in this interim statement does not amount to full accounts within the meaning of Section 254 of the Companies Act 1985.

2. PRO FORMA EARNINGS

Pro forma profit on ordinary activities after taxation \$78.4M. Pro forma earnings per Ordinary Share 20.41p.

Pro forma carnings per ordinary share have been calculated by

dividing pro forma profit on ordinary activities after taxation by the 384,208,000 Ordinary Shares in issue since 20 November 1989. Pro forma profit attributable to shareholders has been calculated by making an adjustment to interest of £6.2M as if the new capital structure had been in place since I April 1989 and by including the proforma taxation charge of £9.2M (note 4).

Actual earnings per Ordinary Share have not been presented, the number of shares in issue during the six months ended 30 September 1989 and the actual profits for that beyond are not considered to be

representative of the Group's position following implementation of the new capital structure.

September 1988 has not been presented. The directors believe that the application of pro-forma adjustments to periods prior to the current year would be subjective and mappropriate.

3. EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS Extraordinary items comprise privatisation and restructuring

costs and certain one-off pension costs. Prior to vesting in September 1989, Thames Water Authority was

exempt from UK income, corporation and capital gains tax on all income and chargeable gains. Until such time as a liability to mainstream corporation tax or deferred tax arises, it is expected that the only tax charge to the profit and loss account will be the write off of precoverable advance corporation tax.

In computing pro forma earnings, the pro forma taxation charge has been derived by applying the estimated effective rate of tax as a proportion of profits for the year ending 31 March 1990 (based on the pro torma forecast contained in the prospectus) to the interim results.



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WALL STREET

Dow falls in early trade

help the market, with prices Tokyo - The Nikkei index remaining largely mixed, trad-rose 20.2 points to 38,294.96.

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New York (Reuter) - An 2,768.77 in early trading, with expected prime rate cut by three leading banks failed to the the market with mine.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 4.48 points to 2,816.24.

interest rates to 10 per cent was enough to inject any enthusiasm as the equity mar-ket continued to slide after touching an all-time high last index still ended the session 13.2 points down at 2,431.3, having been 20.7 lower at one stage. The narrower FT Index of top 30 shares fell 3.8 to 1,945.0. Selling pressure re-

mained light, with less than Dealers said investors were content to sit on the sidelines waiting for the market to become cheaper before buying Government securities

spent a nervous day, but managed to halve earlier losses of £1 at the longer end. Among the leaders, British Aerospace, where Professor Roland Smith is chairman, fell 9p to 571p, upset by a steady trickle of bearish news throughout the session. The rot set in after a downgrading by Robert Fleming, the broker, which has reduced its £1,585. estimate of pre-tax profits for the year just ended by £13 conglomerate headed by Mr estimate of pre-tax profits for

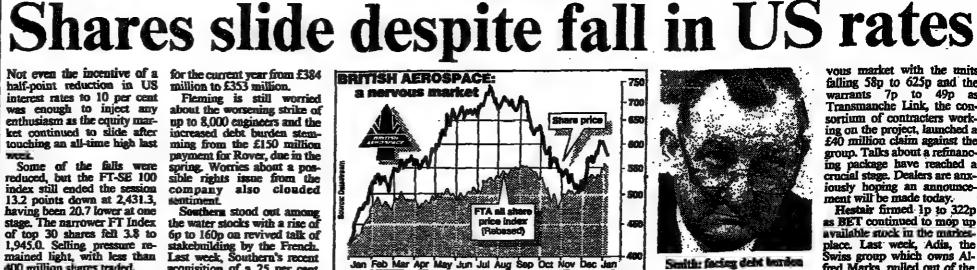
Not even the incentive of a for the current year from £384 half-point reduction in US million to £353 million. Fleming is still worried

about the worsening strike of up to 8,000 engineers and the increased debt burden stemming from the £150 million payment for Rover, due in the Some of the falls were spring Worries about a pos-reduced, but the FT-SE 100 sible rights issue from the company also clouded

> Southern stood out among the water stocks with a rise of 6p to 160p on revived talk of stakebuilding by the French. Last week, Southern's recent acquisition of a 25 per cent stake in Mid Sossex Water was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. and Mergers Commission. Thames slipped 3p to 158p after reporting interim pre-tax profits of £81.4 million. Meanwhile, there was a small gain for South West of ½p to 169p, but falls were seen in Anglian, 1p to 161p, North West, 3p to 157p, Severn Trent, 3p to 148p, Welsh, 1p to 158p, Wessex, 2p to 167p. to 158p, Wessex, 2p to 167p, Yorkshire, %p to 167p, while Northumbrism was steady at

million to £306 million and Greg Hutchings, firmed 2p to

175p. The package of 1,000 mixed shares fell £20 to



STOCK MARKET

295p after interim figures in group, wants to buy a 25 per showed pre-tax profits climbing from £19.1 million to £23.3 million, helped by contributions from its Murray suggestions that the business

line with expectations. They cent stake in its ICL subsidiary, Britain's biggest computer group. STC has been playing down

Lucas ladastries ended the day 10p lighter at 655p. Salomon Brothers, the broker, forecasts slow earnings growth, but says this should not deser lavestors. Bid looper should help ensure the shares outperform the market. Any hidder would probably have to pay at least 850p a share.

Ohio and Smith & Wesson is up for sale. Dealers claim STC continued to make up

lost ground with a rise of 7p to 271p amid heavy turnover. Olivetti of Italy and one of the There has been revived talk West German computer

the environment is proverbial.

So powerful have they be-

most glaring domestic scam -

the credit card duopoly - has

survived official investigation

intact. It is a matter of urgency

that the Office of Fair Trading

lives up to its name and

investigates thoroughly a ma-fia which so abuses its fa-

voured position. Forty per

cent of Britons are not wrong.

CHRISTOPHER INGE.

Advertising partner, Churton Inge Associates, Westmead, Bleadney,

Yours faithfully,

ICL could command a price tag of £1 billion. In the past, its name has been linked with Olivetti of Italy and one of the

Dixons, the high street elec-trical retailer and target of an unwanted £568 million bid from Kingfisher, rose 4p to 140p. The group has announced interim pre-tax profits down 24 per cent at £32 million and is forecasting fullyear profits of at least £70 million, against £78.4 million last time. Meanwhile, the acrimonious war of words between the two groups continues. Kingfisher eased 2p to 311p. Kingfisher says it will be making presentations to a number of Dixons shareholders' this week, attacking their group's trading record.

Europement remained a ner-

Michael Clark

BUSINESS LETTERS

UK needs urgent investigation of bank mafia

per cent of British consumers Shylock rates of interest, yet remain unbanked provokes reward savers at well below the arrogant assumption that the rate of inflation. They offthere is a large and growing gap between the financially literate and a hard core of bumpkins and ignoramuses who presumably subscribe to the piggy-bank or mattress economy of their great-

In fact, this core is one of intuition tells them what most of us, the banked, are too busy

Access grievances

Access card to my bankers,

possession from February 1.

cards, I invariably discharge

es become due. Not satisfied

purchases which they deduct

from the retailers' accounts,

the bank now wishes me to

subsidise the usurious rates of

interest to which they subject

the unfortunates who are fool-

ish enough to use their cards

The greed and arrogance of

the joint stock banks is rapidly

becoming a national scandal. Is it not time that the Govern-

ment considered the enact-

ment of suitable legislation to

curb this shamelessly grasping

attitude, with its quite obvious

effect on the rate of inflation,

which the Government pro-

From Mr Raymond Franks

end against the Trades Description Act by calling such accounts "High Interest" and deny us, their lifeblood, even the right to specify how and where our savings will be

The fact is that the high street banks - privileged and protected members of our commercial establishment have blood on their hands. Directly or indirectly in the last two decades, they have supported criminal régimes in Africa and South America; they have thrown away our become an accepted part of money on lunatic crusades January 3.

Wells, Somerset.

From Mr Bernard Noble Sir, Insularity dies hard. Lloyds Bank informs me that fees for credit cards are charged in "other countries, including Europe." surprisingly, a BBC World Service announcer tells foreigners of the debate in progress about whether to align British time with the time "in Europe." Where do JAMES R. B. HINTON, the British think they are? Yours faithfully, BERNARD NOBLE,

2597 EL, The Hagne Point-of-sale tax

Ruychrockiaan 107,

From Mr J.N. Farrow Sir, Our economic problems appear to be due, at least in part, to consumer spending on, ported goods and a lack of

Would it not make sense to tax spending at the point of sale to cut consumer spending rather than tax income through high interest rates, and allow those who wish to save more income the chance

Just payments From Mr James R. B. Hinton

Sir, In Business Letters (January 3), William Davics clearly industries whose contempt for has not understood the reason for the Government's decision and responsibility - to come that their biggest and compensate Barlow Clowes' victims. Whether, or not, these savers were "greedy, grasping and garralous" (having taken the advice of professional compultants and the major banks) is quite ir-

Saving through Barlow Clowes became a gamble only because the DTI failed in its statutory duty to regulate that "securines dealer", through the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958.

Your correspondent, Martin Moir (also January 3), contends that this weakness on the part of the DTI has existed for at least the past 18 years - and that the DTI has never lacked the powers, but only the will, to perform its

regulatory duties.
The compensation payments do not represent charity on the part of the Government, but, as Sir Anthony Barrowclough's report makes clear, justice on account of the DTT's shortcomings. Yours faithfully.

Investors Group South West Region 7 Miz Maze, Leigh, Sherhome, Dorset

to do so? This would also fit in well with the Government's declared policy of giving people a choice in how they

spend their own money. Whilst there might be a short-term inflationary effect as higher prices worked through the system this would surely be a price worth paying and the additional revenues accruing to the Government could be used to offset hardship to those on benefit. Yours faithfully, I.N. FARROW

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ing package have reached a crucial stage. Dealers are anxiously hoping an announce-ment will be made today. Hestair firmed 1p to 322p as BET continued to mop up available stock in the marketplace. Last week, Adia, the Swiss group which owns Al-fred Marks, pulled out of the race, leaving the way clear for BET's agreed bid of 335p a share. BET has received acceptances totalling 43 per cent. BET rose ip to 263p.

Grand Metropolitan, the drinks and food group, jumped 9p to 647p with the market hoping for some early news on the sale of its Watney Mann and Truman brewing interests. Weekend reports claimed Elders IXI, the Australian brewing group which owns Courage, was interested in making an offer and would finance the deal by exchanging some of its 5,000

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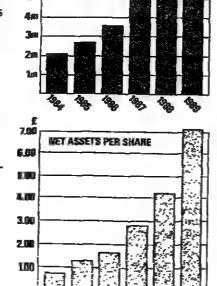
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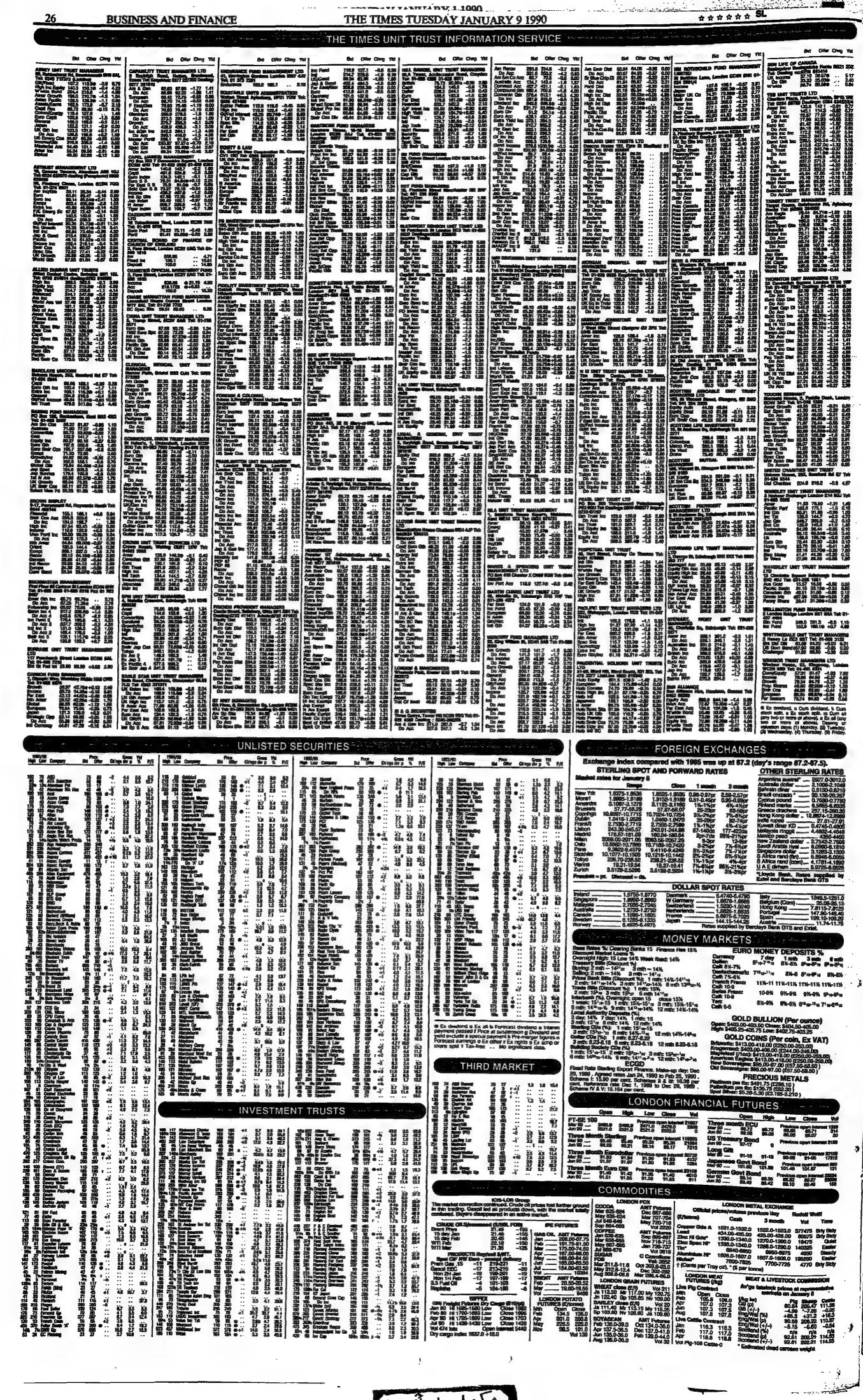
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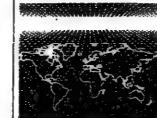
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Too high a price for justice

from getting legal aid. His wife has a claim against a drug company, whose tran-quillizers, he says, have made her life a misery, but the claim can be pursued only at the risk of inancial ruin for the couple.

The Lord Chancellor recently announced an infusion of £5 million for legal aid. Even so, there will still be many people caught in the middle-income trap, too well off for legal aid but not wealthy enough to risk litigation at their own expense.

It would be naive to think that any amount of campaigning will ever secure legal aid for people in for realistic alternatives.

Allianz, the legal protection insurers, published a Gallup sur-vey on legal costs showing that solicitors' charges could be between £60 and £200 an hour. The effect of its advertising campaign is worrying for would-be litigants - and it could be big business for insurance companies.

Legal expenses insurance may solve some of the problems of legal costs but, as with all insurance, it will not cover problems existing when the policy starts. There will also be exclusions. For instance, policies do not generally cover divorce, certain crimes, rent, rates and land tribunals, and

LEGAL BRIEF

The income trap bars many from court action, Carolyn Brock writes

over the wording of policies. In legal expenses insurance there could also be a conflict of interest where the insurance company turns out to be the defendantinsurer in the action it is funding. The insurance company often

restricts the choice of lawyer involved, so little freedom is given to the consumer. The Courts and Legal Services Bill will go some way towards bridging the legal aid gap by permitting conditional fee ar-rangements. This will be akin to the Scottish system of speculative actions, under which a lawyer takes a case on the basis that if it is

lost he will not be paid. There is, however, one important difference: there will be an incentive for lawyers. As a quid pro quo for getting nothing if he loses, the lawyer can charge a percentage uplift to the usual fee if

take on the risk of not being paid,

and even carry the cost of disbursements, should be re-warded by higher fees. From the client's point of view, if he loses he will still be liable for the other side's costs under normal rules, and if he wins he will have to pay the conditional fee uplift.

Inc Government has rejected American-style contingency fees, whereby lawyers speculate their fees on a share of the damages. Opponents argued that permitting lawyers to have a direct financial interest in the outcome of a case would open the door to abuse by the unscripulous.

But contingency fees could be a positive advantage to the client, whose lawyer would at least have more than a passing interest in doing a good job.
Under conditional fees, lawyers

will be able to follow their

Even with extra legal aid money there

the client does not qualify for legal aid and cannot afford to take the risk himself. It should also encourage greater openness about the viability of a case.

In fact, some solicitors already operate on a speculative basis when a deserving client fails to get legal aid, and more cases are conducted on a speculative basis in Scotland than are revealed by the figures from the Faculty of Advocates, the governing body for the Scottish equivalent of barristers, as it is solicitors who conduct much of the litigation.

There is nothing to suggest that conditional fees would be exploited any more than the present charging system, under which solicitors are paid on an hourly basis. It should mean fewer delays and greater economy when the lawyer and client have the same goal. Of course, there will always be a few lawyers prepared to suborn witnesses and mislead courts, but they are already working the system; it is denigrating the profession to suggest that it will be further corrupted by the prospect

It is argued, by analogy with the American system, that letting lawyers share in their clients' successes will promote nuisance litigation and unjustified claims against parties who are likely to

to higher costs being passed on to But it is unrealistic to suggest that lawyers will encourage clients to create the maximum nuisance just to gain an unjustified settlement. Is it not more likely that the natural and just outcome will be pursuit of legitimate claims that at

settle out of court. It is also feared

that an increase in claims will lead

present do not materialize? Conditional fees are not a panacea for justice and they will not be permitted in criminal, most matrimonial or custody cases, Where damages are not an appropriate remedy, or where they are so small that the fees unlift would eat away at them, people will still be left without access to justice.

Recognizing that the ebbing tide of legal aid has left an increasing number of people stranded, the Government's proposals to legalize the practice of "no win no fee" will provide a viable option for quite a few who are now excluded through lack of means.

The author is a barrister at the

will be people too well off to claim and not wealthy enough to risk litigation'

Law Report January 9 1990 Queen's Bench Division

Method of assessing damages payable in failure to fulfil tin contract

Before Mr Justice Webser [Judgment December 21] The use of the phrase "prima facie" in section 50(3) of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 entitled the court to depart from a literal construction of the subsequent language in order to determine what would, in all the circum-stances, have been a fair price on the day in question.

Although the current practice of the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division, in awarding interest at I per cent above base rate, was only a presumption, it should only be departed from on relevant evidence to the contrary.

Mr Justice Webster to beld in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division, in assessing the net damages payable by the defendants, Maclaine Watson & Co Ltd to Hutton Inc. in respect of breaches by Maciaines of contracts to buy tin from Shearsons, less similar damages payable by Shearsons to buy tin from Maclaines, at £41,565,082.

Section 50 of the 1979 Act provides: "(3) Where there is an available market for the goods in question the measure of damages is prima facie to be ascertained by the difference between the contract price and the market or current price at the time or times when the goods ought to have been accepted or (if no time was fixed refusal to accept."

Mr Peter Scott, QC, Mr Ian Glick, QC and Miss Mary Morgan for the plaintiffs; Mr Richard Aikens, QC and Mr Adrian Hughes for the

MR JUSTICE WEBSTER

for tin on March 12, 1986; and, once Shearsons' alternative applied was rejected, that the measure of damages was that prescribed by section 50(3).

The object of that subsection was to avoid uncertainty by arbitrarily presuming that the seller could obtain the market or current price of the goods on the date of the breach and fixing his

The parties were also agreed that the test for ascertaining the market or current price was an objective one — and his Lord-ship held that the degree of skill in negotiation of the actual seller was irrelevant.

The evidence established that it would have been impossible to sell the greater part of the tin on March 12/13, 1986 to con-sumers of tin (as distinct from

The two central issues, therefore, were:

1 Could it be said that there was en "available market" on Murch 12/13 - on which dates most

consumers would not have been accessible to a seller of 7,755 tourse of standard tin? 2 Whether it was necessary, in determining the market or current price on March 12/13, to consider only prices at which tie ier only prices at which tin could then have been negotiated and sold; or was it permissible to consider the price which could have been negotiated over a

dightly longer period? His Lordship considered the authorities and comments in paragraph 1294 of Benjamin's Sale of Goods (3rd edition, 1987) and said that the answers

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would have been obtained if the sale, there was no day who were only precluded licence to depart from a literal sale were to be negotiated over a few days.

the goods for sale, there was no day who were only precluded licence to depart from a literal from bidding on that day by application of its language, in difficulties of communication — order to arrive at what would in day, at a fair price; but (b) if there was only a hypothetical sale for the purposes of section 50(3), there was no available market unless, on that day, there were sufficient traders in touch with each other to evidence a market in which the seller could,

> 2 The appropriate price issue Where there was no actual sale, the market price must be "a fair market price for the total quantity of goods, assuming them to have been sold on the

if he wished, sell the goods.

relevant date". But since it might be unfair to the defendant purchaser to con-fine the price so established to what was obtainable if an actual sale had to be concluded on that day, it was permissible to take into account the price, nego-tiable within a few days with members of the market on that

no account being taken of any price fluctuations after the day

The same result could be achieved by assuming either that all members of the market on that day were also then accessible; or that the hypothetical seller, knowing he would have to make his sale on that day, had begun to negotiate it sufficiently far ahead to contact all his potential buyers so as to

Neither assumption appeared to be inconsistent with the objects of section 50(3) or with the application to the facts of the general measure of demages under subsection (2), or with the authoritim cired.

day in all the circumstances.

But his Lordship also con-cluded that the price that would have been obtained had it been necessary to conclude the sale on that day should also be taken into account by the court, unless in the light of the evidence as a whole it appeared wholly innie-vant, or would lead to

His Lordship, having analysed the supert evidence, concluded that the fair market or current price of 7,755 tonnes of standard tin on March 12/13, 1986 was £3,400 per tonne.

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defendants, for London Inter-Bank Offer Rate (LIBOR) plus 1/2. The practice in the Commercial Court and the Admiralty Court was to award interest at base rate plus 1 per cent.

His Lordship concluded that while the practice of the Commercial Court amounted in no more than a presumption, which could be displaced on evidence that to apply it would be unfair to one side or another, it should not - in the shamon of evidence or of judicial know-ledge (which his Lordship dis-claimed) - be departed from.

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The award of damages would The award of damages would therefore carry interest from March 13 at base rate you 1 per cent, and judgment would be entered for the plaintiffs (after taking into account the counterclaim and an interim payment already made) in the sum of £41,565,082, with costs.

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His Lordship would, if necessary, justify them by resorting to the expression "prima facie" in subsection (3) as giving Passport endorsement gives

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex narte Mowia

Before Mr Justice Roch [Judgment December 13]

Endorsements made on the passport of a citizen of a Commonwealth country whose nationals required an entry visa amounted to a representation by the immigration authority that he would have no trouble in returning to the United King-dom after a short overseas visit as long as he returned within his current period of leave to remain, providing he was return-ing in the same capacity as he had leave to remain and there was no information to justify

revoking the original leave. Mr Justice Roch so held in the Queen's Bench Division in ordering, on an application by Abu Naim Golam Mowla for judicial review, that an immigration officer's decision on September 7, 1989 refusing him cave to enter the United Kingdom be quashed.

Mr Alper Riza for the ap-plicant; Mr Justin Fenwick for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE ROCH said Mr Mowla had first come to the United Kingdom in February
1987, as a visitor on a six-month
visa. He had enrolled as a
student of English and on
November 16, 1987 he had been granted leave to remain as a student until September 1988. That was later extended to November 30, 1989.

On the grant of the extension his passport was endorsed with

The first gave leave to remain until November 30, 1989 on condition that the holder did

condition that the holder did not engage in employment with-out the consent of the Secretary of State for Employment and did not engage in any business or profession without the con-sent of the Home Secretary. The second stamp, in ac-condance with section 3(3)(b) of the Immigration Act 1971, said: "This will apply unless super-seded to any subsequent leave the holder may obtain after an

freedom to re-enter absence from the United King-dom within the period limited

above."

A further endorsement said:

"The holder is exempt from requiring a visa if returning to the United Kingdom to resume earlier leave before November 30, 1989."

In December 1988 Mr Mowla had returned to Bangladesh to

had returned to Bangladesh to get married. His wife was re-fused entry clearance to the UK. as a visitor and he returned alone on March 21, 1989. The Home Office had said that in connection with his

wife's application Mr Mowla had told the entry clearance officer in Dacca that he had bought a house and had parttime employment with his cousting the state of t in's husband in the UK. On July 25, 1989 he went to Bangladesh for a further visit, returning on September 7. He was refused leave to enter

because the immigration officer was not satisfied he was a genuine student who would leave the United Kingdom at the end of his studies the end of his studies.

The immigration officer who interviewed him also established that he had been working for five days a week on most weeks up to May or June 1989 and concluded that he had reason to believe Mr Mowla had been working in breach of the conditions attached to his leave

Under section 13(3) of the 1971 Act Mr Mowla could exercise his right to appeal against the refusal of leave to enter only if and when he left the

Had he not gone to Bangla-desh in July or had he been permitted to re-enter on September 7 he would have been entitled under section of his leave to remain and, if that were refused to security that were refused, to remain in the UK pending hearing of an appeal to an adjudicator.

The same right would have arisen had the secretary of state sought to curtail his right to remain because he was working without the Department of Employment's consent

In Olonihari v Secretary of State for the Home Department ([1989] Imm AR 135) the Court of Appeal had upheld the applicant's legitimate expectation of being able to return. In that case there had been an oral representation and the passport was endorsed in a similar way to

was endorsed in a situitar way to Mr Mowla's.

However, in R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Kuku (The Times October 9, 1989) the legitimate expectation argument had failed where the Court of Appeal found that an exal representafound that an oral representation had not been proved and the applicant's passport had not endorsed.

In those cases and in R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Balogun ([1989] Imm AR 199) the courts had been under the impression that a visa exempt stamp and a section 3(3)(b) stamp were concessions specially made to visa nationals with leave to remain who might wish to make short visits abroad during that period of leave to remain.

Viewed objectively, the passport stamps amounted to representations on the part of the immigration authority that the passport holder would have no trouble returning to the UK from a short visit abroad within the period of leave to remain provided he was returning in the same capacity as that for which he had leave to remain and there was no information to justify the revocation of the earlier

There was information which could have led to the revocation of Mr Mowia's leave. But that was not the ground on which the immigration officer had refused leave to enter on September 7. Mr Mowia would still need to obtain an extension of his leave to remain in the UK and in considering that application the immigration authorities would no doubt take account of the employment he had undoubtedly undertaken. Never-theless he would have the opportunity to put his side of

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Informations were duplicitous

Minister of Agriculture Fish-eries and Food v Nunus Corn

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Rose [Judgment November 24] Where several informations had

where several informations had been preferred against a defendant alleging that he had failed to provide purchasers of seeds with the result of a completed official germination test, as required by regulation 5(6) of the Fodder Plant Seed Regulations (SI 1985 No 975), and each information listed more than purchaser them these one purchaser, then those informations were duplicitous and bed in law.

The Queen's Beach Di-visional Court so held in distrilsing a prosecutor's appeal

by way of case stated against the dismissal by Woodbridge Justices on February 10, 1989, of three informations against the defendants, Nunns Corn & Coal Ltd, of failing to provide purchasers of seeds from them with commission test results are with germination test results as required by regulation 5(6) of the 1985 Regulations, made under the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964.

Mr Andrew Popplewell for the prosecutor; the defendants did not appear and were not

MR JUSTICE ROSE said that he regarded the decision in Cullen v Jardine ([1985] Crim LR 668) as the high water mark of what did not amount to duplicity.

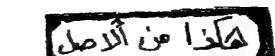
The purpose of the regulations was to afford protection to those who had purchased seeds before the final testing had taken place. The obligation imposed on the seller was to notify each of the purchasers to whom the seed had been marketed and sold.

A defendant was entitled to

A defendant was entitled to have identified in an informa-tion laid against him the particular purchaser whom it was alleged he had failed to identify. Consequently, to identify several purchasers in the same information rendered those informations duplicitous and had in long. and bad in law.

The appeal would be

Lord Justice Mann agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor, MAFF.



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A British firm of solicitors is helping to widen perestroika. says Edward Fennell

nternational lawyers Baker & McKenzie will open for business in Moscow next Monday. With just one partner and two associates it is not a big operation, but as only the second Western law firm to operate within the Soviet Union - Coudert Brothers was the first - Baker & McKenzie can claim to be a pioneer

of perestroika. Of course, to say that Mikhail Gorbachov's efforts to restructure the Soviet economy depends on the lawyers would be an exaggeration. But the availability of local legal expertise to guide investors through the Moscow bureaucracy would certainly be a significant advance in encouraging Western involvement in the Soviet economy.

Paul Melling, the Russian-speaking British lawyer who will head the Moscow office, says 70 per cent of his work in the early days is likely to be for existing clients of the firm, But as more Western companies become interested in prospects within the Soviet Union, the Moscow office could act as a magnet for

Melling himself has been in Moscow for 12 months preparing

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Pioneer lawyer: Paul Melling (inset) will head the office that will bring a British flavour to the Soviet capital

for the opening. He has developed good links with the vitally im-portant Ministry for Foreign Eco-nomic Relations, which, as a sign of its support for the venture, has agreed to be Baker & McKenzie's sponsor for "accreditation" as an officially recognized foreign commercial operation. This shows commitment to a long-term presence in Moscow as well as giving the firm improved access to local

services and facilities. "The work that we have been doing in the run-up to the opening suggests that we are going to be extremely busy," Melling says. "We are currently working seven days a

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1989, will bring substantial changes

But will they work better than

the FSA? Those responsible for the

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week and that is likely to continue. Clients arrive in Moscow on Monday, get into negotiations and want to leave with a contract by Friday. And that only leaves us the weekend to get on with other work,"

Most transactions are concerned with setting up joint ventures. This is the way the Russians particularly like to operate because it means they provide plant, people and raw material, while the foreign investor provides the all-important hard currency. But although there is no doubting Moscow's enthusiasm for such developments and real commitment to change, huge obstacles still stand in the way of creating an

fails to deal with malpractices in

The new regime will give rise to

four layers of regulation: first, a

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members; and, finally, codes of practice issued by the Securities

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Investments Board (Robin Brooks and Martin Coleman write). The but the amendments under consid-

proposals come less than two years eration are, in many ways, for the after the Financial Services Act worse and question how far a self-

1986 (FSA) was brought into force regulation system still exists -

original FSA wanted to avoid what designated or core rules; then, rules

environment in which Western businesses would feel completely comformble.

Moscow lawyers themselves are also having to work hard to adapt to the new regime. There is a serious shortage of Russians with any commercial legal experience, al-though, as part of the economic reforms, former civil servants and academics are now in the process of setting up lawyers' co-ops offering legal services to local businesses -"pretty much along the same lines, in fact, as British partnerships",

Melling expects to see steady but

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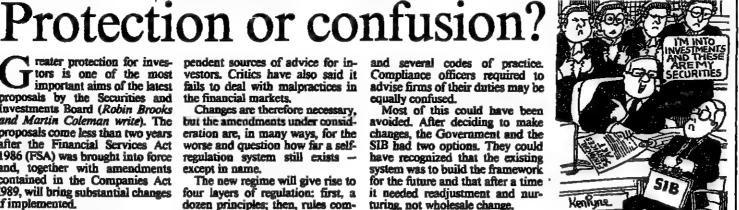
Although he does not expect his office to go beyond three lawyers he does envisage that the firm may open other offices in cities such as Kiev and Leningrad.

Melling is keen to emphasize, however, that the Baker & McKenzie office within the Soviet Union is simply the sharp end of a world-wide Soviet practice. "We are permanently looking for suitable lawyers for our Soviet Union work, which is conducted from Washington, Chicago and Frankfurt as well as from London," he says. "Having said that, however, permanent presence within the Soviet Union is highly important as part of our service to our clients."

Meanwhile, Melling is grappling with the practical problems of Moscow life. Basic equipment such as fax paper is not available and has to be imported, and making a long business telephone call out of Moscow back to London is still notoriously difficult, even once you have access to a telephone - during the past few months Melling has shared a telephone with two

colleagues. Fortunately, his locally recruited secretarial staff are willing and enthusiastic and the aim is that they should be able to provide the same level and style of service as in London or American offices.

'We'll be sending them over to London in the spring for training."
Melling says. Corporate culture, it seems, will be one of our first exports to the Moscow legal scene,



ments rule out the existing regime. native, they gave us the worst of both worlds. Effective investor The new system's unsatisfactory aspects could be significantly reprotection requires that firms and duced by taking the small further step to a unified rule book with investors know what is permitted. Five SROs adding their own layers suitable modifications for particular types of firm and investor. If desired, self-regulation could still operate at the level of enforcement and monitoring.

may maintain little more than the ● The authors are solicitors with The Companies Act amend-

It is anything to be read into the collaboration of Gouldens with the Brussels office of the American firm Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly in a seminar on cross-border mergers and aquisitions (M&A) to be held in London on January 17? According to Howard Leibman, a partner in the Brussels office of the Minneapolis-based firm, five or six firms, including Gouldens, have made approaches to Oppenheimer, attracted, it seems, by the existence of a long-established Brussels office as well as the American connection.

It seems that the firm has narrowed the choice down to two.

Although Oppenheimer has confirmed that Gouldens is still in the running, its rival is a mystery. Oppenheimer is adamant that

file two firms are not in a contract race.

If Gouldens turns out to be the chosen one, it stands to gain not only an entrée to Brussels, but access to a network of offices in New York, Washington, Chicago and Minneapolis. For a firm whose overseas network encompasses Jersey, Paris and Kuwait, but not the United States, this is a contest worth winning.

his week will see the resumption in Lagos, Nigeria, of the trial by a military "transition to civil rule" tribunal of the country's leading civil rights lawyer, Chief Gawi Fawehinmi, who was charged with subversion last September after being detained without charge for three months. The charges, which he denies, relate to a magazine article in which he was quoted as saying: "This government has Aids." The article has been deemed to be a violation of the government's decree on the transition to civil rule.

Although a High Court ruled last July that his arrest was unlawful and awarded him damages of 10,000 naira (\$1,400), it had no jurisdiction to release him and he was neither charged nor released until mid-September, when he was granted bail but immediately re-arrested. In October, the government bowed to public pressure and released him from detention. The beginning of 1989 also saw Fawehinmi in court, but not this time in the dock. He has used the courts to challenge the actions of the government on numerous occasions and last January was attempting to compel it to reveal the exact extent of Nigeria's extent of indebtedness. His trial will be resumed tomorrow.

I countries that seemed to have almost disappeared from the world map are being brought to the fore by perestroika.

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Murphy may want to refer to The Mongolian Legal System,

the text book on Mongolian law writtes by Professor William Butler, of University College London. Butler, who speaks Mongolian, has translated all the Mongolian laws, and has also published a Russian-English-Mongolian dictionary of 1,200

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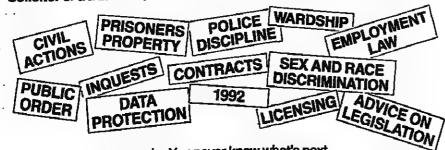
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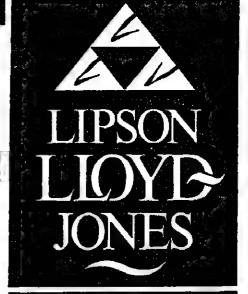
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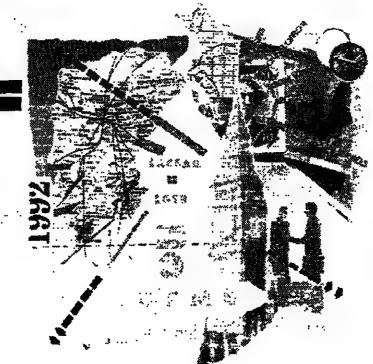
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THE TIMES TUESDAY JANUARY 9 1990

HORIZONS

People who guide the dogs that lead

A dedicated group train the animals that help the blind. Janis Mackay

visits a centre where trainers are taught

n 1931, in a garage in Wallasey, Cheshire, the first four guide dogs for the blind were trained. Today, the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, a charitable organization, has more than 6,000 dogs. Most are working guide dogs and 4,000 blind people in Britain are estimated to have them.

The association obtains all its dogs from its breeding centre near Warwick. Most are labradors and labrador-golden retriever crosses. A smaller number are alsatians and golden retrievers. At any time the association has about 700 puppies, which in this early stage of training are taken into "foster" homes to be looked after by volunteer families, known as puppy walkers.

With its puppy walker the animal becomes accustomed to people, traffic and the hustle and bustle of life. At a year old it leaves the family environment for a training centre.

Who then are the people training these dogs to such a level that ultimately a blind person can enjoy more freedom and independence than any stick or machine

I visited the association's centre in Forfar, Scotland. There are seven such centres throughout

Britain, and smaller "satellite" centres are also being set up. There are about 20 dog-handling staff at every centre, falling into the three main categories of kennel staff, dog-trainers and guide dog mobility instructors. I was struck by the dedication and commitment of the people involved with the care and training of the dogs.

The work, it is fair to say, is not

so much a job but a way of life. All staff begin their apprenticeship living in at the centre and should be prepared to move to any of the centres, making the job difficult for people with families or a preference for a settled lifestyle. Staff can be up at dawn, abed with the moon, sometimes working six and a half days a week and away

To become a guide dog mobility instructor, staff are involved at the advanced stage of the training, working with the blind people, matching the dog with the blind person, then teaching the blind person how to handle the dog. It requires a two-and-a-half-year apprenticeship.

Dog-handling staff begin in kennels. This preliminary stage lasts six months and ends with an examination. If successful, the apprentice advances to develop sic dog-trainer duties. This stage.



Partners: Shona Cormie with Quella at the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association training centre in Forfar

lasts a minimum of nine months and ends with the trainer's exam. In the final stage of at least 15 months the apprentice works with an instructor to learn the skills required to develop a dog into a trustworthy guide dog. The culmination of this stage is the guide dog mobility instructor examination. The successful student is now ready to instruct a dog, work with blind people, and

instruct an apprentice, Shona Cormie, an instructor with the association for 10 years, says: "Every day is different, One day I might be down town taking the dogs through obstacle courses. Another day I could be introducing a blind student to a new dog. To witness that relationship is somehow very humbling."

he manages to combine her work with marriage, showing that one does not necessarily rule out the other. "Most of my work while training dogs is a reasonable 9 to 5," she says. "During 'class' things are a bit different."

Class lasts for a month three

times a year. This is when the

blind people who have been granted a dog after assessment by the instructor attend the centre. The work then becomes its most intense for the instructor, and

The blind people, known here as students, leave their homes and learn how to handle their dog. This can be difficult for the blind student, and the staff need all their skills in dealing with people as well as animals. During class an instructor will work six and a half days a week and may have to be involved in the blind residents'

possibly the most rewarding.

evening social activities. This training period is followed by after-care, for which the instructor goes to the home of the blind person, now united with his dog. and helps him with routes.

An instructor usually works with five dogs at once, eventually matching four of them to blind applicants. The extra dog is there to ensure the best matches are made. The instructor follows progress, and after-care visits can take the instructor away from home for a week at a time. Followup visits are usually every six months, particularly when the dog is near the end of its working life of between eight and 10 years. The blind person then returns to class and is given a new dog. Where possible, the retired dog stays in the blind person's home as a pet, or a suitable home is found.

Dog-training staff and instructors spend much of every day walking. They help the dogs to settle into a training routine. Priorities here are to have the dog walking at a comfortable speed and in a straight line and obeying basic commands. Training means patience and perseverance, repeating things many times, and with voice and gestures implanting conditioned reflexes into the dog so that it knows when, and when not, to obey a command.

The blind owner may order the dog forward when there is an obstruction. The dog has to be able to negotiate heights and take account of the width of the person walking beside it. Before handing the dog on to the instructor for advanced training the trainer will have worked blindfold with it Some staff are happy to remain as trainers, others as kennel staff. Elaine works in the dogs' hospital kennels for ailing dogs or, as is often the case, those that have been spayed or castrated. Her day begins at 6.45am. Paperwork can take it into the evening. Elaine is nurse to her dogs and loves her job. She, like many other staff.

lives at the centre and is dedicated. Dedication and commitment are vital. Salaries start at £8,620 for an apprentice and can reach £14,975 for an instructor. But Cormie points out: "This is not something you do for the money. You can have low days, walking miles in the rain, for instance. It's the memories of the good moments that keep you going.

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Walking in rain, hail or shine, sometimes miles in a day, requires health and fitness. However, rosy cheeks and a way with dogs are not enough. A person involved with guide dogs must also have reasonible academic intelligence. There is often paperwork, exams must be sat and organizational matters have to be dealt with, such as after-care visits. And someone wishing to train as a guide dog mobility instructor should have experience of working with groups of people, preferably blind or disabled, and should be a good communicator - with both man

• For further information: Personnel Dept. Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Alexandra House, 9 Park Street, Windsor, Berkshire SLA 1JR (0753 855711).

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and collectively with the Principal Previous managerial experience at a senior level, not necessarily in the field of Higher Education, is essential. The College operates a bilingual policy and a binowledge of Welsh is an important qualification. This is a challenging and demanding post for which an appropriate salary on ALC Grade 6 will be offered. Application forms and further particulars for the appointment can be obtained from the Stalling Officer. The University College of Wales, Old College, King Street, Abertystwyth, 53 23 24 X to whom completed application forms should be returned not later than Thursday 8 February 1990.

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Closing date for applications 31st January 1990.



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Application forms and further details are available from the Sub-Dean, The Council of Legal Education, 4 Gray's Inn Place, London WC1R 5DX (Tel: 01-404-5787).

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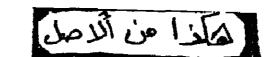
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CRICKET: ENGLAND CAPTAIN IS SURPRISINGLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE CARIBBEAN CHALLENGES AWAITING HIS TEAM

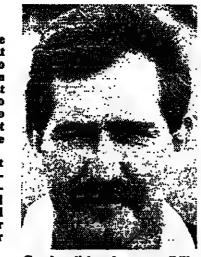
By Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent

Those of us who were there at the time can still scarcely credit what had happened. Graham Gooch, so been spayed or castrated to been spayed or castrated to been spayed or castrated to begans at (45am, papernor take it into the evening because its her dogs and he wish She, like many ret. haunted by political pressure on England's last Caribbean trip that he privately determined never to tour again, is preparing to return to the scene of his torment - and not just as another player but with the added burden of captaincy.

On the face of it, this is the most baffling twist in a sage of misfortunes, mistakes and mismanage ment which has led England towards the most awesome of all tours carrying the prayers, rather than the expectations, of their

Gooch is widely perceived as a sacrificial offering, a man who was never very keen to captain, put in charge by men who never really wanted him. An expendable commelity on a mission certain to claim casualties. It is a scenario to depress the greatest optimist and the one person capable of dispelling it is Gooth himself. His detractors may be surprised to learn how well be

He is enough of a pragmatist to admit to at least part of the prosecution. "In other circumstances, I would not have been the first-choice captain," he says. "It is equally true that I have never actively sought the job, never made neises about it. That isn't my style but it should not be taken to mean that I don't relish it now that it loss



Gooch: relishes the responsibility

It is not the words used by Gooch which persuade a change of thinking but the way in which they are delivered. Not a natural orator, he talks now with positive intent blended with sound realism about what lies ahead. Gooch, you under-stand, has seen it all before. He was in the Caribbean in 1981 for the expulsion from Guyana and the death of his mentor Ken Barrington; he was back in 1986 for another pulverizing deleat and enough peronal above to last him a lifetime.

Since that last visit his career has taken diversions from the main line. even threating to leave the rails. He inherited the captaincy of Essex but abdicated after two years. He opted out of an England tour and then

the last of four England captains in the tamultanes seeme of 1988 but then India would not entertain him. The tour was cancelled and soon Gooch was out of favour.

More subtly, his batting has changed, adopting a high degree of responsibility in keeping with his stature. It does, however, sometimes carry a careworn look and at 36 years of age I wondered just what convinced him he should once more step into the Caribbean cocount shy, this time with the highest profile of

He says simply: "It is a basic love of the game. There are things I don't enjoy about touring but I still love playing for England. I did not need the captaincy as an extra incentive my appetite for playing is as strong

What, then, of the politicians he came to despise? "I accept that side of it more than I used to. There is so little I can do about it that it doesn't worry me so much any more."

In the past, Gooch has tended to put politicians and press men in the same pigeou hole, labelled as types likely to be unfairly critical and, in some cases, hypercritical. If he has not exactly come to love either breed he now accepts the need to co-exist. These past few days he has fitted in countless interviews between training and practice sessions up and down the country. He has been unfailingly polite and constructive.

"It was sections of the Press who typecast me as miserable, even surly," he recalls. "You would not

outstanding player in the two

Australia - he was named as

man of the series - responded

by hitting Greg Campbell for

dismissed by the same bowler

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for 39.

Nothing can change how I look but I believe I have a sense of humour and an ability to get along with people. So far I have been pleased by the reaction I have had from the players. They have been asked to work far harder than any previous touring side but they have re-sponded well to me."

Gooch is margnably right. He has always had a rapport with other players, unseen and often dis-believed by those who know only his deadpan public froat. Its positive effect was tangible at last when he resumed the captaincy of Essex last summer. Now, it is working for England and the feedback from his players is uniformly encouraging.

"I gave up the Essex job because it was affecting my batting. I became so engrossed in all the things a captain has to do that I did not leave time to prepare myself for an innings. I have been a bit more ined, a bit more organized. I have learned to delegate so that the half-hour before I go out to bat is my

Gooch admits to being dis-appointed that he was overlooked when Ted Dexter installed David Gower last summer. In fact, he was not even on the final short list. Gower and Mike Gatting were interviewed with the now well chronicled result; Gooch had to content himself with a brief telenhone call from Dexter.

Of the ill-fated summer, Gooch is mequivocal. "We played diabolically badly, myself included. The more I play the more I believe that need the bowlers to dismiss the other side twice but if you bat first and get 500 you are controlling the game. You can't lose and the opposition know they can't win. It was like that for us against Austra-

lia, time after time.
"I am not going to criticize David.
His style is his own and would not be everyone else's but if your players don't perform any captain will struggle. We have done everything possible to prepare ourselves for this

possible to prepare ourselves for this tour but if we play badly we will lose—it is as simple as that."
Gooch, however, is not contenancing such treasonable thoughts. "When have you seen Essex start a match thinking they can not win? Never. Well, I have profited from that and I want England to feel the same way.

"We have had some had times but now the policy must be to back our good young players and stick by them so that if, for lestance, Nesser Hussain has a rough tour he is not kicked out at the end of it. We need build a team and give players confidence to feel they are part of

There are those who would not have nominated Gooch is the man for this inspirational role but he is hearteningly intent on proving them wrong. He claims he is fifter than he have not have and he leaker it. has ever been and he looks it.
Moreover, there is nothing of the
hangdog about him, still less of the
mhanksive defeation which has
permeated recent England dressingrooms. Long may it last.

Prean takes stand on eligibility rules

An attack on the International last year. Proof of two years' Table Tennis Federation's full-time domicile in Hong Prean, the chairman of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA), has reduced Chen Xinhua's chances of being picked for England when he

qualifies in May.

By then the Chinese former World Cup winner - who lives and as far as we know everyone in Huddersfield and is married abides by it." he said. "It has to an English woman - will have satisfied the ITTF criterion of two years' domicile, but Prean is likely to request that Chen also obtain a British passport, which may take

The ITTF regulation is ridiculous," Prean said. "We won't be governed by that." Prean feels the rules allowed the Commonwealth championships to be won by the Hong Kong team with Chinese players he believed were not eligible to play. Then, he claims, the findings of the ITTF eligibility commission in Dortmund were 'swept under the carpet."

Prean is referring to the commission's recommendation which cannot come before the biennial meeting of the ITTF until next year – that a country should give two years' notice before selecting a player who has immigrated. His reference to the Commonwealth championships concerns the selection of two players from mainland China, Chai Po Wa and Chan Tan Lui, in the Hong Kong team which won the gold medal in Cardiff

Kong was never produced but yesterday Roy Evans, director of the Commonwealth championdent of the ITTF, defended the

"The rule has worked up until now and worked for everyone never been challenged with proof that there is any were subject to the rules of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Association and if it took no notice of English allegations then that was its responsibility."

Meanwhile, Chen, who has won many supporters with his exceptional talent and extrovert personality, is hoping to recover in time to play in the Cleveland Open this weekend. He injured his back while reaching the final of the English Open tournament on Saturday, and the man to whom he gave a walk-over, Yu Shentong, will line up in a Chinese team to take on Engseries at Peterborough tonight.
The others are Chen Longcan,
another former World Cup winner, and Wei Qing-Gang, who
won an Olympic gold medal in
men's doubles. England's team
is Carl Prean, who beat Longcan in the English Open, the national champion, Alan Cooke,

and Nicky Mason. Matthew Syed withdrew yesterday because of a leg injury.

ICE HOCKEY

Devils miss chance to blood youth

Cardiff Devils undoubtedly are Sunday. Wayne Crawford has the success story of the season so far, but their lack of foresight could see their success confined to the short rather than the long

Against a Whitley Warriors side which started with only two imports and finished with one, they had a wonderful opportu-nity to give extended ice time to nity to give extended ice time to some of their youngsters. But their leading players showed themselves to be greedy for personal glory and first-line players were involved in all but one of their 23 goals.

Very often, in a game as one-sided as this, the losers will resort to roughhouse tactics, but the Warriors did not and, to

the Warriors did not and, to their credit, bounced back on Nottingham Panthers in the Icy Smith Cup.

The announcement of a new sponsor and the arrival of Marc Damphousse from Trafford Metros and Christian Doperson from Ottawa University gave the Warriors another boost on

been named as their non-play-ing coach, succeeding Alfie Miller. Elsewhere, Murrayfield Rac-

ers took their unbeaten run to 14 with a 12-3 win over Durham Wasps, and, with Danny Shea recovering from a hernia operation, Rocky Saganiuk came out of retirement to help Ayr Raiders beat the Waspa.

In the first division of the Heineken League, Slough Jets took the lead after weekend wins over Traffied and Streathern Redskins which took their un-

Swindon Wilderata 7; Deesde Dragone 5; Teiford Tigers 24; Humberside Seatewide 15, Lee Valley Lions 5; Medway Bears 13, Tratford Metros 3; Streatham Fledskins 4, Slough Jeta 11. ley Basilin Cupe Ayr Patiders 7, Durham Wason 6; Files Flyors 2, Murrayfield Racers 11; Parenticrough Pirates 4, Carolff Devilla 8; Whitely Warrions 6, Notlingham Panamars 5.

VOLLEYBALL

Soviet Union have the edge for international

Fresh from their 3-1 final win over Cuba in the final of the Bremen tournament, in West Germany, the Soviet Union have the edge going into the NEC Grand Prix women's international tournament, which weekend, her listed a formidable tournament, which weekend, her listed a formidable tournament. national tournament, which opens at the G-Mex Centre, in Manchester, tonight.

Strictly speaking, the Soviet Luis. Union squad competing in Manchemer this week is a club side, Sverdlovsk, but, under Nikolai Karpol, the head national coach, it is effectively a full international side. Indeed, nine players from Sverdlovsk, who are European club champions, played for the Soviet Union in the European championships, in

West Germany, last year.
The Soviets have been rebuilt under Karpol, since finishing a disappointing sixth at the world championships in 1986. Three players — Irina Parchomchuk, Valentina Ogienko and Irina Smirnova - remain from the squad who won silver at the 1987 European championships and, since then, the Soviet Union have taken the Olympic title, in Seoul — recovering from two sets down to defeat Peru in the final — and win the last European championships, conceding only one set in the

However, the Olympic title was won in the absence of Cuba, who boycotted Seoul, and, in-

line-up for Manchester, which includes the talented Mireya

The Cubens open against Canada, who are likely to be the weakest of the four teams this week, this evening, and the Soviet Union meet Bulgaria. England, who won the Pulman Cup, in Luxembourg, at the weekend, with wins over Israel, Cyprus and Luxembourg, face challenge matches against all four nations competing at the G-Mex Centre this week, but are likely to be well out of their

depth.

Meanwhile, the Royal Bank English League resumes at the weekend, with Brixton Knights strengthening their place at the top of the women's first division by bearing MGI Wessex 15-5, 15-7, 15-8, and Reebok Liverpool City causing a sur-prise in the men's first division by beating title-chasing Polonia 12-15, 15-13, 15-7, 4-15, 15-13.

Soviet Union v Bulgans (6.30); Cuba v Canada (6.30); Cuba v Bulgaria (6.30); Thursday; Canada v Bulgaria (6.30); Thursday; Canada v Bulgaria (6.30); Thursday; Canada v Bulgaria (6.30); Cuba v Bulgaria

MOTOR RACING

SA Grand Prix plans

Johannesburg (AFP) — The owners of Kyalami, the motor racing circuit, next week begin their attempt to host a Formula One grand prix in 1991 for the first time thee 1955.

Dave McGregor, managing Lindens of Motor Passing Enter mobile (FISA), sport's overness.

director of Motor Racing Enter-prises (MRE), the owners, said he was on the point of sending a formal application to Bernie Ecclestone, president of the Formula One Constructors' Association (FOCA).

All that remained was to said.
include comments by Thierry
Boutsen and Riccardo Patrese, conte

Boutsen and Riccardo Patrese, the Williams team drivers, who of reform in South Africa will this weekend will test the \$7.8 million (£4.8 million) track that to be considered.

mobile (FISA), sport's governing body. A 1991 grand prix at Kyalami

might be staged in conjunction with neighbouring countries as a southern African, rather than a South African, event, McGregor "Within the world political

COMPTON AND EDRICH STANDS

It is very much regretted that, for reasons beyond MCC's control, there is a delay in the completion of the new Compton and Edrich Stands at Lord's.

To prevent subsequent disappointment no seats will be sold in advance in either Stand for the 1990 Test Matches. In the meantime any person who has already applied for tickets in these Stands and, whose application has already been received, will be offered alternative seats elsewhere in the Ground, provided they are available.

MCC Members will shortly be receiving a letter on the subject.

De Silva is put Selectors exclude on report for Srikkanth pitch skirmish from tour Devenport, Tasmania (Reu- stumps, pointing a finger in de ter) - The Sri Lankan bets- Silva's face. He then appeared

both Wellham and de Silva and will forward his conclu-

sions to the board, who will then decide whether to take

match that the confrontation

had been "an unfortunate

class player who now regrets

what happened. It was a pity,

as this had been an enjoyable

game played in the right

De Silva described the incident as "nothing important.
I brushed the bowler as I ran

past and he got a bit upset."

De Silva, who had driven the ball past mid-on, ran into

the back of Tucker while

taking the second run. Then,

before completing the third

run, he ran into Tucker again,

appearing to strike the Tasma-

nian near the groin with his

Tucker reacted by chasing after the batsman behind the

Oucensland declared their

first innings at 436 for eight in reply to Pakistan's 257, and at the close of the third day, the touring side were eight without loss in their second innings.

incident involving a world-

any disciplinary action. Wellham said after the

Bombsy (AFP) — The India selectors, having already been criticized the dismissal of Srikkanth as captain, caused man, Aravinda de Silva, and to grab his shirt front, pull him further surprise yesterday by leaving him out of a new-look team to tour New Zealand. the Tesmanian fast bowler, close and then push him away. Rod Tucker, had to be sepa-Shastri, Srikkanth's deputy, and Vengsarkar have also been rated by the umpires and the Tasmanian captain, Dirk Wellham, after a scuffle on the final day of a match that ended in a draw yesterday.

Azharuddin will be captain and More, the wicketkeeper, his After the match, Wellham reported de Silva to the Australian Cricket Board's deputy.

Rei Singh Dungarpur, chairman of selectors, said his panel had put its faith in youth and picked a side for the 1990s. code of behaviour commissioner at the game, David Barnes, Wellham made his after Tasmania's second Six members of the team that report after the umpires. Paul Srikkauth led on the recent tour Clarke and Bernard Knight, of Pakistan were dropped as the selectors wielded a new broom. standing in their first game innings at the close, involving an overseas side, yassassa: First innings 210 for one dec considerable would not report the constant of the const Lamba, the opening batsman, Ankola, the fast bowler, and Maninder Singh and Ayub, the spinners, have been forced out Barnes heard evidence from

Their places went to V.B. Chandrasekhar, the opening batsman, who can also keep wicket, Wasson, the mediumpace bowler, Guraharan Singh, spinner, and Raju and Venkataramana, the off

Vengsarkar did not go to Pakistan, complaining of men-tal and physical staleness and his solid scores in domestic cricket could not win him back a

It boiled down to whether an outstanding player such as Vengsarkar, who had opted out of a difficult tour to Pakistan, should be considered for New Zealand, Dungarpur said. The exclusion of Srikkanth and Vengsarkar looked set to

spark another outcry, after the controversy the selectors have caused already by dismissing the popular Srikkanth as captain. He had been widely expected to retain the position on the New Zealand tour after leading his side to the rarity of an honourable draw in the recent

Pakistan series.

Losses in Pakistan had cost Bedi and Gavaskar the captaincy and Srikkanth was thought to have been the exception after moulding a team of apparent no-hopers into a fight-ing outfit.

His class and ability to crack his batting problems have not been in doubt, although a poor run of scores saw him gather just

Newspapers saw Srikkanth's dismissal as punishment for his role as an aggressive champion of the players' cause in a payments dispute with the

under protest, saving the players would not accept a rupee in tour fees after the cricket board rejected demands for a pay

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Geoff Foley, the debutant opener, and Greg Ritchie, the captain, took advantage of Pakistan's weakened bowling attack to score 155 and 123 respectively.

game yesterday.

Pakistan, who face Australia in the first of three Test matches in Melbourne on Friday, did little to boost their confidence, which is at a low cbb after losing their two opening games in the World Series Cup one-day tour-

Depleted Pakistan struggle Brisbane (Reuter) — Pakistan, depleted by injuries and strug-gling to find their form in Australia, failed to dismiss Queensland in their four-day nament, which includes Sri Lanka, resumes on February 10. Pakistan's bowling attack against Queensland was severely weakened by the ab-sence of Wasim Akram, who was omitted with a groin strain, and a finger injury to Abdul Qadir, the leg spinner, on Sun-day. Qadir, who bowled only two deliveries in his second spell of the morning to prevent any further damage to his finger, was rebuked by Imran Khan, the captain, towards the end of play after dropping Steve Storey, who scored 54.

Ritchie, who scored his twelfth century for Queensland, was upstaged by Foley, who took one minute short of nine hours to compile 155 and set two records. His score was the highest by an Australian making his debut against a touring international side and the slow-

PAKISTAN: First Innings 257 (Javed Mindel 77; M Potrin See for 60) Second Innings Asmir Malik not out
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est 150 posted in Australian first-class cricket.

Inn Botham has not yet signed a manager, to train with the new contract but will play for winter tour squad at Bristol.

Worcestershire, the county Newport made his Test debut champions, next summer, Dun-can Fearnley, chairman of the club, said yesterday.
"lan has said to me that he

Botham to continue

with Worcestershire

wants to finish his playing days with Worcestershire," he said. "He told me he is happy at the club and if he can sign a longterm contract he will only be too delighted.

"If you rang round the 17 counties you would find they all

have players who have yet to re-sign and we have half-a-dozen at Worcester. But that is common- Coventry seven years ago at the place and no problem.

Phil Newport, Worcestershire's England fast bowler, who
has recovered from an Achilles
tendon injury, has been invited
by Micky Stewart, the England
county".

BASKETBALL

Americans head cup scoring feats

two Americans that captured the attention in the first round of the Coca-Cola National Cup as Solent stars enjoyed the rare satisfaction of an enormous

Docklands, where he warmed to the task with 16 points in their 98-73 success on Sunday afternoon. It was the first time that Cadle

contribution of Drew Sewell, Cadle's performance palled season's-best haul of 57 points

victory, 175-57 at Corby.
The experience left him greedy for more. "The score Sewell, whose average of

more than 30 points a game this season will make it hard for England to continue to overlook him, had arrived from New York only two days previously. With home games in the league this week against Derby tomorrow and Senderland on Saturday, Solent are expecting to sustain an improvement. Sunderland, buoyant after their first win over Manchester in

But compared with the seven attempts this season, in a midweek Carlsberg League fix-ture, maintained the momentum by winning their cup tie 120-69 at Gateshead to earn a

Newport made his Test debut

• Coventry and North

Warwickshire will host Warwickshire's only home

match to be played away from

Edibasion next summer, as three day Britannic champ-ionship game against Lan-cashire from July 18 to 20. Warwickshire last played in

before the injury.

ainst Sri Lanka in 1988 and also played in last season's first

voured the rarity of success -85-80 - over Plymouth with the assistance of 23 points from Gary Sparks, of the United States, their new player, for-merly of Worthing Under the coaching of Roy Packham, now that Kevin Hibbs has relin-quished the job until the end of the season, at least, Palace gained only their second win of the computer.

responsibility because "things were not going well," he said. "I was not getting the best out of the players and they were not getting the best out of me. It was time for a change."

nament. The triangular tour-POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman TY LEGAL WORK States and to THERD DIVISION ND PART X Birwingham v Bristol C 2 Stackpool v Notis Go 1 Bristol R v Mansfeld 1 Bury v Preston X Cardiff v Transsere 2 Fulham v Bolton 1 Leyton O v Shrewabury 1 Reading v Crewe 1 Rotherham v Wigan Not en couper Grassy; V Brentford (Friday); Northamption v Swansea FIRST DIVISION Charling v A Villa 1 Coventry v C Palece 1 Liverpool v Luton 1 Manchester U v Derby 1 Nothingham F v Milliadd X OPR v Norwich GEMENTS

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ics at club level. Partick v St John Raith v Hemilion newspaper is also taking advertising boards at all leading domestic televised meetings. SCUTTEN RECOME 1 Arbroeth v O of Sih 1 Brechh v Sträng X Cowanbih v Klimarnoo 1 E File v Barwick

Zealand to compete in the heptathlon and long jump at the Commonwealth Games in Anckland, Hagger's club, Essex Ladies, will be one of the leading contenders for the league title this year after finishing second to Sale Harriers last year. The women's league com-prises four divisions, each with six clubs.

ATHLETICS **Sponsorship** of £500,000 to aid clubs

celebrating a £500,000 sponsor-ship deal. The money, from the Daily Telegraph over three years, will boost the sport's development plan to lift athlet-Cash from the deal will go to the UK women's league, and the

British athletics was yesterday

The sponsorship was launched by Kim Hagger, three days before she flies to New

By Nicholas Harling Results went very much according to expectations, but it was the individual scoring feats of

at the weekend. The name of Kevin Cadle had never appeared previously among the scorers in Britain, but so serious were his club's injury problems that the Kingston coach licensed himself in time for the tie at London

had ever played an official game during his 10 years in England and Scotland and, with the first hurdle successfully over, he may well do so again in tomorrow's Carlsberg League game at Bracknell if Joel Moore's knee and Micah Blunt's ankle problems continue to keep them out.

keeper got it wrong," he complained. "I really scored 59 points according to one of the lads keeping a check on our

second-round home tie against Like Solent, Palace had sa-

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England and France delay introduction of younger players

Three of the four XVs for the first round of the five nations' championship on January 20 were named over the weekend be amnounced temorrow when the training party returns from five nations must obviously be looking ahead to 1991 and months. their potential World Cup

significant that the two countries with the greatest choice in playing numbers — England and France - have gone for teams with an average age of just under 29. By the time the May, and the other a similar World Cup comes around in October 1991, and assuming no huge change in personnel, they will be two mature squads as against, for example, New Zealand, whose team which heat Wales and Ireland recently boasted an average age of 27 and, with one, or two Ireland. exceptions, might be reaching

a peak next year. It will be a very delicate matter of judgement, therefore, which players from France or England may still be effective forces by the time of cover for Rob Andrew is the World Cup, but, as Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said last week, that contention.

burthdays.

The selections do, though, emphasize one or two doubts the fourth, Wales, is due to about the back-up quality available to the two countries. and enhance the importance of the matches to be undertaken over the next 16 England, for example, have

five further internationals this year after the completion of this season's five nations' championship. Three will be against Argentina (two on tour and one at home), one is an England XV against Italy in side against the Barbarians in September. All will be opportunities to mingle promise with experience, so that a World Cup squad of genuine depth can be moulded, which is not the case with the England side named to play

Were injury, for instance, to remove England's first-choice with no midweek match in locks, or stand-off half, they between, and there will be could not be too effectively some tired bodies by the tour's replaced at present. The cupboard is notably bare as far as concerned, while the full back position remains an area of

Sunshine break voted a resounding success

From a Special Correspondent

Geoff Cooks, the England team report Cooks, the highest vessel manager, was in a confident mood as the squad concluded a successful five-day training examp at the La Santa resort in for a session next Sunday morning and will assemble a small week on Wednesday for the build-up to the Ireland page.

Cooke said: "Clearly we are expected to win against Ireland

The players came through the priors fitness tests and other for the viceries over Romania and Fift have given the whole side confidence. By scoring tries by running the ball the forwards have been given the confidence to provide good early possession. "I have been delighted with the attitude of those players who

of January next year with Lanzarote again the likely destination following the success, of this visit. The facilities have

nel it is difficult to know how happy Jacques Fouroux is ranks of players, but the Wales, Olivier Roumat at No. 8 and Thierry Devergie at lock, are surrounded by players with 30 and 40 caps in their lockers — in the case of Serge

France have a tour of Australia this summer during which they can experiment, a tour, moreover, during which out of only eight matches.

Confirmation is still

awaited regarding the first and sixth matches of the tour, but the agreed programme gives the French an international as their third game, after having been in the country for some thing like a fortnight. As the British Isles did last summer they have back-to-back internationals at the end of June

It will be good to see Dennis Charvet in the championship once more after only two international appearances since his crowded 1987 (10

caps in the space of six months), but it is surprising to see Marc Andrieu on the wing. It is intriguing that Fouroux has uncovered another scrum half from Auch (his own position and club) in Serge Milhas, who will play in the B international against Scotland

McGeechan will head tour

were not salected for the match.
They have been prepared to be
cammon fodder for game situation
practices and this is a tribute to
the spirit in the squad."

and June, and will be assisted by

land tour manager, said at Murrayfield yesterday: "I am delighted with the coaching team. Both were in New Zealand for the world cup." He added: "Jim Telfer was not available for consideration." The rest of the management team will be Dr Donald Mac Leod, the honorary surgeon, and Denis Bradley, the physiotherapist, who accompanied Scotland to Japan last May.

The party of 30 players is to be selected after the Calcutta match on March 17 and is expected to be made public on March 22.

So far, according to Paterson, none of the leading players has stated unavailability for the tour, which he sees as "a big test for Scottish rugby. We have to be thoroughly prepared." cancellation of

players had already met with the convenor of selectors to put their thoughts forward, and that the SRU itself had fact meetings opposition.
On the question of the Romanian lock, who, in entirely on the matter. A paper prepared different political circumstances by Gordon Masson is to be in his country a month ago, circulated to clubs, whose views defected after the match be-tween Scotland and Romania, are to be collated before a submission is to be made to a special meeting of the Inter-national Board, in March. to the Romanian rushy authori-

ties, requesting permission for Raducanu to play in Scotland with, most likely, Boroughmuir. Turning to the subject of indiscipline, Hogg revealed that up to the end of December, 97 This follows the normal procedure whereby incoming players must have permission from their own unions before playing in Scotland. Hogg also said the SRU had written to the International Board, objecting to their original request to implement the recent minor law changes on January

heeded and the laws will not Fylde, has been changed to April
11, a week earlier than planned. On the question of amateur-

Kiernan's net is to be more widely spread to meet Neath

Tom Kiernan, who won 54 caps contribution to Irish rugby for Ireland and captained his country on 24 occasions, as well as leading the British Isles touring party to South Africa in 1968, has brought to fruition a scheme which has been occupying him for some time.

Kiernan, last year's president of the Irish RFU, is now chairman of an "exiles" committee formed to keep a watchful eye on the large number of players who leave Ireland to further their education and also to encourage any player with acceptable qualifications to affiliate to Iroland.

David Donovan is the honorwhich also includes Ken Kennedy, Barry O'Driscoll, John O'Driscoll, Walter Jones, and Phelim McLoughlin All have played the game at a

All have played the game at a high level — some at the highest — The prop forward, Des Frizz—
— and their brief also includes a gerald, will have a fitness test on further strengthening of ties
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— Saturday before deciding selectors now. My m with the London Irish club, whether to play against England to get fit first and to get fit first and to there," Davies said.

down the years. Next season's inter-provincial championship matches have been rescheduled. They will now be played on the same weekends as the English and Scottish divisional and district championships so that there will be no demands on London Irish players when the club has a league match.

come into operation until the

The committee's ultimate goal is likely to be the formation of an Exiles XV to play in the provincial championships. There is obviously a lot of hard work ahead but that will not worry a chairman whose infec-tious enthusiasm and great love for the game will help ensure success for a venture that could bring great benefits in years to

Rugby are Rathkeale's latest scalp

Rugby School ...
The Rathkeale ... Rathkeale, from New Zealand, continued their ambitious trip to England, France, Ireland and Scotland with victory over Rugby School by a goal and a try to a penalty. With one match to play, against Loretto, they have

an unbeaten tour record.

That they did not manage to play anything like as fluently as they had done against, for example, Eastbourne College, was a tribute to the courage and dedication of Rugby's tackling.
In this department Lloyd,
Chidi-Ofong and Harrison were
tremendous. The pick of Rugby's pack was Robiuson, their lock. But no one could compete with Buchanan in the

lineout for Rathkeale, while Twist, in the centre, always looked a player of class. It is not unkind to suggest that

the scoreline was a little flatter-ing to the losers. Three clear-cut try opportunities for Rathkeale were squandered by mistimed passes or prevented by superb defence – twice by Chidi-Ofong over on the left wing from his position on the right.

Finally, Twist, who had al-ways threatened, made good ground before feeding Francis, who served the scoring pass back inside to Twist. Rugby, trying to run the ball early in the second half, prom-

ised a significant breakaway but, when Lloyd intercepted in his own half, his intended pass to Chidi-Ofong, who was clear, was badly duffed. Glazebrook's penalty, however, cut Rathkeale's lead to a single point.

players had been sent off, exsame period last season Commenting on the fact that the alarming rate at the beginning of the amoun had slowed dramati-cally. Hoge said: "Clubs have clearly got the SRU message." i. The plea, reinforced by England and Ireland, was

Scotland are to play their E match against Ireland next sea-son on December 22, in Ireland, and their under-21 match against English Students, at

Davies faces injury fight

Phil Davies, the Lianelli captain, is racing to be fit to play at Neath on Saturday in one of the biggest club fixtures of the season. Davies injured his calf against Swansea on New Year's Day and missed Wales's training week in Portugal (Owen Jenkins writes).

"Hopefully, I'll be fit for this weekend," he said. "If not, then for the French match. I'm having physiotherapy on the calf every day and I think I have a slight tear of the muscle."

Davies has been contacted from Portugal by John Ryan, the Wales coach and chairman of selectors. The Wales side to play France on Saturday week will be announced officially when the squad returns tomor picked. A question mark over Davies's firness will affect Ryan's plans. "It's up to the selectors now. My main aim is to get fit first and take it from

A great tackle by Glazebrook on the burly Denton prevented an apparently certain try but, as Rugby appeared to tire a little in the final 10 minutes, Rathkeale mounted extreme pressure. Finally Owles, the stand-off half, made a half-break almost to the line and, after he had been checked, he was held up and forced over the line by his pack.

His conversion was a formality.

RUGBY: M R Lloyd; J A C Singer, L E Webb, S P Controll, C O Chidl-Olong; W B Glazebrook, J R Cannt, A C Mewhon, R R D Bavey, P G L Frost, H K Izzart, B J Morson, M E Robinson, A Robertson, P A G Harrison (1998)

RATHREALE: R Pickering: W Frencis, C Twist, R Sartell, J Gray: M Owles, T Kirving D Hume, G Didebury, D McKerole, D Crowley, F Rutherford, S Buhanan, E Percy, S Denton. K Mahon (Warwickshirm).

Hurdle, won in grand style by his possible Triumph Hurdle candidate, Lucky Verdica. His owner, Richard Green, was on Concorde in mid-At-

and he considered yesterday's haul should have been five.

Pipe's Wingspan, 6-5 on favourite for the Pheasant Chase, was delivering a power-ful challenge to the leader Bendicks when he came down at

But Pipe supporters were happy enough, and many bet-ting shop punters coupled up his

lantic while the race was being run, but he had rung Pipe from Heathrow earlier in the day. "I told Mr Green what the result would be, and even gave him the forecast, but unfortu-nately I got the starting price wrong," quipped Pipe with a Lucky Verdict, the 6-4 on

Declan Murphy did not move a muscle throughout on the 9-4 on favourite, who won on a tight rein by five lengths from Sibton favourite, quickened the tempo approaching the final flight to dismiss Devils Valley by 12 lengths, and Corals instantly trimmed his Triumph Hurdle odds from 33-1 to 20-1.

Abbey,
Curiey, having only his second
winner of a season which has
been marred by coughing at his
Newmarket stable, recently
withdraw Keep Hope Alive at
Leicester after he coughed on

runners. Graham Sharpe of Memorial Chase Handicap by race on the previously dis-Hills reported: "We are ashen-faced. The nearest equivalent to faced. The nearest equivalent to this was Lester Piggott in his heyday. When he had a good day, we had a bad one." North Lane, at 13 the senior

Jucky Verdict shaping for Triumph

ing team, was give a fine ride by

Blue Rainbow (Peter Scadamore, right), overhanling Setter Country (Wally Irvine) at the last, helps Martin Pipe land a four-timer at Chepsto

Curley produces potential star

hampton yesterday could not still coughing as late as last hide the sparkling potential of Wednesday.

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Keep Hone Alire.

The star quality of Barney Curley's charge, making his long-awaited debut in the second division of the Bridgmorth Novices' Hurdie after two impressive bumper wins last year, those on the a beam.

Declar Muraby did not worse.

much confidence," samitted Curley, no stranger to top-class performers, having had Cheltenham Gold Cup winners Silver Buck and Forgive'n Forget though his hands during early stages of their careets.

Keep Hope Alive is owned by Marie Donnelly, whose husband, Joe, is one of Ireland's They are keen for a crack at Chettenham's San Alliance Hurdle in March which Curley is also eyeing, although in the shorter term he wants to give him another outing soon. "He

switched their financial backing

to the Open from the Went-worth Classic, which they spon-

sored in its inaugural year in 1989. The classic, a six-man exhibition event, is now very

unlikely to take place.
"We have opened our third

and so this sponsorship fits in

with our business," said Peter

Wood, the chief executive of Direct Line. "It also gives a

chance for those who maybe can't get Wimbledon tickets to

With the Wirral Inter-

national, won last year by Boris Becker, also scheduled for June 18 to 23, the people of the north-west will be spoilt for

see some first-class tennis.

cared for Carley grimed; had a lot of good horses."

Two young jockeys named Foster were in action in the Future Chasers Conditional

Jockeys Handicap Hurdle and

their fortunes could not have

Martin Foster, the youngest son of former West Country

been more contrasting.

with Telemachus 16 lengths further shrift. Derign reclams Brandeston will improve with every run and he is a very sice horse in the making," said the winning owner-trainer, Gootfrey Habbard.

Murphy had earlier initiated a public when Brandeston, a 3-1 chance, won the Bescet Nevices ters of a length in hand over Splitthedifference at the post, with Telemachus 10 lengths

of her six races to date, and the trainer said "They say every dog has his day. This must have

was in trouble with the stewards

He was fined £160 for ridin

after finishing ninth on Sexton

an ill-judged race, and admitted to the officials he had allowed

the leaders too much leeway.-

caught Pipe by surprise. The mare had been pulled up in four

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Jenny Pitman was fined £75 by the stewards at Sandown on Saturday for not running her expensive Irish recruit Danny Harrold because she feared the ground was too fast there. However, Mrs Pitman had

the last laugh when the 6-4 on \$? fivourite gave a performance full of promise as he beat Junior Parker by five lengths in the second division of the Rabbit Danny Harrold showed sign:

of inexperience once he hit the front, and Mrs Pitman added: "He is like a big labrador pup, and we will take it quiedy with him."

mow. Were it not for modern snowmaking technology no World Cup events could be

Although 30 centimetres of snow fell across the Arlberg region of Austria and Northern Switzerland on Sunday, all ski

resorts require over a metre of anow before the end of January

to avoid this being the worst

As the warmer February/March weather sp-

proaches, the snowmaking

machinery which requires sub-zero temperatures to function will cease to provide a skiable base. The implications for

World Cup racing and skiing in

general will be disastrous if beavy snowfalls do not arrive within the most three works.

In Switzerland, 15 ski resorts

are closed and over 25 have no

snow on the lower slopes. In Austria over half the resorts

snow on the lower slopes, but the

worst hit are France and Italy.

Across the French Alos there is

no skiable saow below 1,400 morror. With British favouries

resorts registering any saow below 1,500 metres.

in preparation for Thursday's men's downhill and the men's

winter season on record.

TENNIS

Fire hits Manchester venue | Racers frustrated

If ever there was a day of good Manchester today, but he was also sponsor the Beckenham news and bad news, it came confident that the tournament Tournament in early June, have yesterday for the organizers of the \$250,000 Manchester Open. Just hours before the announce ment of new sponsors, they heard that the clubbouse at the Northern Tennis Club in Didsbury, venue for the Open next June, had been destroyed

Wins from Milinetta, Blue Rainbow and North Lane com-

pleted the champion trainer's second four-timer of the season,

Martin Pipe collected a superb 632-1 four-timer at Chepstow today, and also gained full marks for his skills as a

The man with the Midas

touch has already trained 123 winners this season - twice as

many as anyone else - and predicted with uncanny accuracy the outcome of the first division of the Rabbit Novices'

clairvoyant.

by fire.
The fire started late on Sunday night and was possibly caused by arson. However, al-though only the squash courts and changing rooms remain of the traditional clubbouse, which was transported from Trafford Park and rebuilt in Didsbury in 1909, the grass courts were not

John Feaver, the tournament

would go ahead as planned. "It is such bad luck on the club because this was their 100th major tournament, but my personal concern has to be for the event and that will go on even if it means putting up marquees and Portakabins," Feaver said esterday. Alian Fullilova, the tour-

nament's press officer, said: "it's a question of clearing away the debris and putting up temporary accommodation or re-building if there's time. Maybe 50 per cent of the clubhouse The irony is that the new

sponsors of the Open are an insurance company, Direct director of the Lawn Tennis Line, although they specialize in Association, will travel to car insurance. Direct Line, who

Demonstration spurs Mansdorf to victory

Auckland (AP) - Amos Mansdorf, of Israel, overcame the jeers of hecklers to defeat Karel Novacek, of Czechoslovakia, 6-4, 6-1 yesterday in the first round of the £106,837 Benson and Hedges Open. Six members of a group of 20 protestors were arrested for disturbing the peace after they boord Mansdorf and threw black tennis balls on the court. in protest over his play last year in South Africa. Mansdorf said the demonstra-

tion had sparked him to victory. "They belped me sharpen up my concentration a lot and I think i concentrated much better than Novacek did."

Mansdorf, the 1988 champion and runner-up here in 1989, criticized the dem-onstrators. "I think it's disgusting," he said. "Everybody has a right to say what they want but I don't think a sports event is the right place. Why don't they go to embassies?" He said he played in South Africa because he strongly believed sport and poli-tics should not mix.

Playing his first match in eight weeks, Mansdorf broke the serve of Novacek, a semi-finalist at the BP Nationals in Welling-

Ramesh Krishnan, of India, the defending champion, beat Paolo Cane, the sixth seed, 6-1, 6-1, only a week after losing to the Italian in three sets in Wellington. Cane. who looked sluggish, said the light balls used in the tournament, coupled with the fast court, made it difficult for him to rush the net. Paul Chamberlin, of the

United States, the world No. 46 and seventh seed, was beaten 7-5, 6-3 by Grant Connell, of Jeremy Bates, of Britain, heat

Jens Wohrmann, of West Ger-many, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1,

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: A Manadori (Isr) bit K Novacek (Cz), 6-4, 6-1; R Krishnan (Inide) bit P Cene (I), 6-1, 6-1; G Connell (Can) bit P Chamberin (IS), 7-5, 6-3; D Gottle (US) bit L Wahigren (Swe), 7-6-6; D Gottle (US) bit L Wahigren (Swe), 7-6, 6-1, 6-1; J Bales (GB) bit J Wohmman (WG), 2-6, 6-1, 6-1; O Delaire (Fr) bit P Haarhuls (Neth), 6-2, 6-3.

Upside-down under tennis It is easy to become confused at

played on a hard-court surface. but the view from the press room is of the junior tour-nament, on grass. Rain most of the day added to the feeling of unreality, as did the fact that Andrei Cherkasov, last year's finalist, had to qualify. Having done so, he beat Petr

Korda, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. Yannick Noah got no further than 6-4, 2-1. in a monotonous slugging match against Ronald Agenor, and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch lost 6-2, 7-5 to Elise Burgin. If the rain stops, Lendl, Becker and Wilander are ready.

Chertenson (USSR) at Peir Konda (C2), 6-4. Women's singles: G Fernanda (US) bt H Cloff (US), 6-3, 6-1; A Grossma (US) bt Michaele Jaggard, 6-0, 6-4; Cotarsa (US) bt Michaele Jaggard, 6-0, 6-4; Demongeot (Fr) bt K Adams (US), 5-2, 5-4 Postpis (Moson (C2)) bt R Rejichtrova (C2), 7-8, 3-8, 6-1; E Burgan (US) bt C Kohde (Risch (WG), 6-2, 7-5 B Paulus (Austria); C Cenningham (US), 5-7, 6-1, 6-4; Phelpa (US) bt S Martin (US), 6-2, 0-8, 7-4 N Herraman (Fr) bt T Withlanger (US), 1-6-3, 6-1.

HOCKEY

Big cup goes to Sutton

Sutton Coldfield arrived home from Barcelona late on Sunday night with the "great big cup", having won the invitation tournament (Joyce Whitehead Kampong, the club from The

Netherlands, third best in their country and playing two internationals, were second, and the hosts, Polo Club, third. Sutton drew 2-2 with the Dutch on artifical turf then beat Polo 5-0 before taking their turn on the grass pitch and beating a Spanish club 4-0. Then on Sunday after the banquet they drew 1-1 with another Spanish

Slough did nearly as well in their indoor tournament in Vi-

No place for runners-up Frankfurt the winners. The had three good wins, 14-1. 11-1 East Grinstead, winners of the had three good wins, 14-1, 11-1 and 9-4 against the clubs from Italy, Austria and their hosts but lost to Frankfurt. It was Slough's first effort in Europe and they found Frankfurt's style very different. Slough were losing 1-9 after 25 minutes, then changed their game and the final score of 5-10 was a very creditable performance.

Royal Bank national indoor club championship in 1987 and runners-up for the past two years, failed by one goal to qualify for the quarter-finals of this year's competition at Crystal Palace on January 19 (Sydncy Friskin writes).
In an exciting finish at Swinin the Suffolk Companies' League on Saturday, the 1-0 defeat of Haverhill by Ipswich

don on Sunday night, East Grinstead were displaced in the qualifying round by Hounslow, whose 10-2 win against Bourne-mouth and West Hants enabled them to progress by the narrow est margin.

PADOOR QUALIFIERS: Old Loughtonians. St Albans (holders), Hourstow, Harborne, Barford Tigers, Cannock, Wetton,

by lack of snow

From Ray Robinson, Schladming

After the dramatic pre-Civist-mus decision by the FIS (Inter-this winter on the European national Ski Federation) circuit has been run on artificial technical delegate to cancel all European World Cup events until the New Year, the racerulent for their extended Christmas-New Year break praying for snow. But the European snow drought has left their prayers manswered and this season looks like being one of the worst

The Kranjska Gora (Yugo-slavia) mens' slalom was run on artificial snow, the Garmish (West Germany) mea's downhill has been transferred to Schladming (Austria) where yesterday over 30 artificial snowmaking machines were preparing an adequate cover to hold the race.

The famous Hahneukamus course in Etababel has loss than five centimetres of snow on the lower section and the staging of the fiftieth anniversary race is still in doubt. The men's downweek on the Lanburhous course in Wengen (Switzerland) also looks doubtful. They have only 27 centimetres of snow on the no snow at all on over a third of the piste.

Such as La Plague, Val d'Isère
With only one men's downhill
and the Three Valleys running

race completed and the cancella- only a fraction of their lift tion of five events so far this capacity. Italy is worst hit by the winter, the FIS will be under snow drought with only a few increasing pressure to delay the start of the European races next winter. Already there are discussions with the racers, sponsors and organizers to review the possibility of holding World Cap ery is operating at full capacity described in Association i possibility of holding World Cap downhill events in Argentina and North America before the European stason commences. There is also pressure from the racers in the technical disciplines to schedule World Cup slalom and giant slalom races on the European glaciers and southern bemisphere resorts to extend their schedule by three or four extra event.

This year's disastrous start to the World Cup season and the control of the downhill run will be world Cup season and the control of the downhill run will be season and the control of the downhill run will be the world cup season and the control of the downhill run will be the world cup season and the control of the downhill run will be the world cup season and the control of the downhill run will be the control of the downhill run will be the world cup season and the course on Friday.

When the downhill was run here in 1988 the winner was run be the world cup season and the course on Friday.

More Austrian glory

- Petra Kronberger gave Austria their second women's World Cup giant slalom victory

at Panorama, British Columbia. on successive days last month, was second fastest in both legs yesterday, but had a comfortable margin of 0.51sec over Wachter, on aggregate. Wachter had won the pre-

vious giant slalom of the season, in Vail, early in December, a victory which ended an 11-year Austrian women's drought since Aunemarie Moser-Proell won in 1978.

sision which is to be run on the bottom section of the downhill This year's disastrous start to the World Cup season and the unprecedented number of injeries may force the FIS to accept the proposals. Every men's and Michaela Gerg, of West Ger-many, took third place, and

Hinterstoder, Austria (Reuter)

world Cup giant slalom victory
of the season yesterday, with
Anita Wachter, her team-mate,
in second place.

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Wachter is second on 132 are
Kronberger third on 125.
Veronika Sarec, of Yugo- slavia, third fastest after the first
starting 45th, ap-

leg, despite starting 45th, appeared to have achieved second place overall, but was disqualified for missing a gate.

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3. M. Gerg (WG), 222.94; 4, S. Eder (Austria), 223.25; 5, V. Schneider (Switz), 223.24; 6, D. Rotte (US), 222.28; Wostld Cup overall pesitioner; 1, Gerg, 1480ts; 2, Wachter, 135; 3, Kronberger, 125; 4, Schmeider, 30; 5, Wallser, 74; 6, Schmeider, 30; 5, Schmeider, 30; 5, Schmeider, 30; 5, Schmeider, 30; 5, Schmeider, 30; 6, Meier, 28.

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Talented Dat Train ready to initiate double for Pitman

Jenny Pitman looks the trainer to follow at Leicester today when she can collect a double through Dat Train and Royal Athlete

After her bumper haul of seven winners on Boxing Day, the country's top woman trainer has added another seven successes to take her to tally 30 this term, including Dat Train who outstaved Singlesole by 21/2 lengths over today's course and distance on December 30.

That victory from the Mandalus six-year-old looked full of promise, and he can go on to complete a double in the first division of the Nomad Novices' Hurdle at the expense of Jimmy Fitzgerald's Wetherby winner Uncle Ernie. Mrs Pitman is represented by Royal Athlete and Timely Star in the three-mile Wymes-

wold Novices' Chase, but it is Royal Athlete, who gallantly wore down Mrs Muck to cap-ture the Youngmans Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot last month at the rewarding odds of 33-1, who appeals more.

Royal Athlete, by Roselier, up ground on the leaders at the time and, with Oliver Sher-Stemant France and relation to the stemant of the s

Bill O'Gorman: trainer of Lingfield hope Sally's Son

been blessed with bottomless stamina and, granted a clear round, short prove too strong for Up And Coming, who landed a novice handicap chase at Stratford in convincing fashion from Folk Dance on his seasonal reappearance. Several fingers were burnt at

Newbury on Hennessy Day when Bordeaux Bean fell two out after being installed 13-8 favourite for the second division of the Speen Novices' Hurdle, won by Josh Gifford's General Glory.

Bordeaux Beau was making

Smart Tar undergoing crucial elbow operation

By Christopher Goulding

Smart Tar, who cracked an elhow in three places in an equine swimming pool accident, yesterday was undergoing a crucial operation to save his life.

"We will not know until he has come out of the anaesthetic if the operation has been a success," said Sandra Wilkinson, the wife of the trainer Mark, yesterday. "He is having a course of swimming at Anthony Webber's Hilliside Stud, near Lambourn.

The nine-year-old, who finished first in last season's Grand National without his jeckey, had completed a circuit of the swimming pool, but when introduced for a second attempt he reared up and cracked his elhow in three places.

Mark Wilkinson had been planning the bay's campaign

a plate pinned to the broken bone on his elbow by Dr Collis, who specializes in injured bones."

Draw: 51-71, low numbers best

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.10 Jacamer. 1.40 Banker Mason. 2.10 Izioff. 2.40 Musical Flash. 3.10 Sally's Son. 3.40 Jovial

Michael Seely's nap: 3:40 JOVIAL KATE.

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7-4-10-8
3000-SANOTHER EARL 7 (B,O,B) B Sanut 5-8-10F Harmons 4

SOSS-SANOTHER EARL? (B.O.S) & Smart & B-TW N

3-1 Jacamer, 7-2 Beechwood Cottage, 5-1 Acontus, 11-2 Another Earl, 8-1 Spanish Red, 10-1 Jadebale, 16-1 Eventide,

1,40 VIGO CLAIMING STAKES (£2,448: 1m 4f) (9)

1 014- HOSPITABLE SHI (D) J Capito (Sel) 6-9-3. P Macum 4
2 64-9 FENIG 8 B Henbury 4-9-13. P Microsifield 1
3 644- HOT COMPANY 10 (J.F.) D Burchell 5-9-13. N Advans 5
4 240- THIN RED LIME 17-1 (V.F.G.) J Josidas 6-8-10

4-1 Vistage Port, 9-2 Banker Mason, 11-2 Fishki, 13-2 Tring Park, 9-1 Thin Red Line, 10-1 Hospitable, 12-1 Thabeh.

2.10 SAN SEBASTIAN MAIDEN STAKES (Div &

side Stad, near Lambourn.

The nine-year-old, who finished first in last season's Grand National without his jockey, had completed a circuit of the swimming pool, but when introduced for a second attempt he reared up and cracked his elhow in three places.

Mark Wilkinson had been planning the bay's campaign around a second attempt at the

specializes in injured boses."

Smart Tar, who had suffered from braising to his feet when he last ran, in the Mandarin Chase to Newbury on December 30, the strange of the bay's campaign around a second attempt at the Grand National. The gelding had been made ante-post favourite to atone for last season's unfortunate departure at the twentieth feace.

West Country jockey Paul Nicholls, who broke his left leg in a schooling accident in midsummer, has again had to delay his comeback. Nicholls, retained by Devon

at Sandown on Saturday with

plain, may gain a small consolation prize with Ball-inhassig in the Groby Maiden

Chase. His six-year-old was a promising third behind Val-

assy at Fakenham last month.

At Newton Abbot, Martin Pipe's Mighty Prince makes a

belated first appearance of the

season in the St Marychurch

Handicap Hurdle. This five-

year-old ended last term with

three successes in a row and,

despite having to shoulder 12

stone today, should prove too

Earlier, the Wellington sta-

good for some modest rivals.

ble should collect the Chelston

Novices' Hurdle with

Shadeux who won over the

course and distance back in

August with the minimum of

Cadford Girl, who had Air

Streak back in fifth when bea-ting Captain Ahab over course

and distance last month, can

confirm that form despite the

reversed weights in the Hoechst Panacur Mares Only

Gerry Gracey's Annette's

Novices' Hurdle Qualifier.

Delight got only as far as the second fence when a warm

order for a conditional jock-

eys' chase at Plumpton last

month, but the 11-year-old

can make amends in the Babbacombe Selling Handi-

cap Chase, while Master Barn

looks on a handy mark for the

Son got off the mark with a

decisive victory at the last Lingfield all-weather Flat

meeting, and is selected to

beat Colin Tinkler's Gothic

Ford at the Surrey track today,

when Jovial Kate has a firstclass opportunity to open her account in the second division

of the San Sebastian Maiden

2.40 SANTANDER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: 92,238: 50)

9-4 Musical Flesh, 11-4 SI Sawet, 7-2 Stazing Sunset, 8-1 Little Ripper, 16-1 Lizzy Cardie.

1 22-1 GOTHIC FORD 7 (0,F,5) C Tinkler 6-10-1 (Sec. 9 Cartier?

2 44-1 SALLYS SON S (B_CD) W O'Gorman 4-9-5 (Bcc)
S 966- SUZY LORENZO 28 (B,F) A Boiloy 4-8-8... J Carlon (3) 4
69-3 CHAMPION GSR. S (B,F) A Boiloy 4-8-8... J Carlon (3) 4
6 068- COURT CHARMER 26 (8) C C Elsey 4-8-6... J Carlon 10
6 063- NORTHERN RAIN 13J (V/G) C Allen 4-8-3.... N Address 9
6 066- AFRICAN SAFARII 13 (D,F,G) F Cundil 6-8.3
A McGlose 11

2-1 Gothic Ford, 5-2 Sally's Son, 7-2 Airicen Seieri, 6-1 Champion Girl, 10-1 Suzy Lorenzo, 16-1 others.

3.40 SAN SEBASTIAN MAIDEN STAKES (DIV II:

Course specialists

JOCKEYS: G Center, 14 witness from 104 ricles, 13.5%; T Quinn. 21 from 170, 12.4%.

Blinkered first time

LINGFELD PARK: 3.10 Northern Rein, Two Total; 3.40 Cloud Base, Tender Wikinser.

3.10 BILBAO HANDICAP (22.469: 7f) (11)

Ellacombe Handicap Chase. Bill O'Gorman's Sally's trainer David Barons, had hoped to return at the end of next month, in good time to ride Playschool in the Cheltenham Gold Cup in March.

Nicholls to

miss season

wood having given his highlyregarded six-year-old plenty of
time to forget that mishap, he
is napped to recoup the losses.
John Upson came very
close to landing the big chase
at Sandown on Saturday with very frustrating, but the doctors Nick The Brief and, on a lower advise that rest is the best cure."

Edwards delays Pearlyman decision

A £10,000 increase in prize-A £10,000 increase in prize-money and the absence of Desert Orchid, now recovering from the cough in his box at Whitsbury and overworking the local post-man carrying "get well" cards from his adulatory public, have combined to make the prospect of a highly exciting field for the two-mile Victor Chandler Handican Chase at Ascat on

Handicap Chase at Ascet on

With £40,000 added, the race now ranks third behind the Seagram Grand National and Whitbread Gold Cup in terms of prize-money for handicap

With Desert Orchid out of the

way, the weights will go up considerably: by 101b if Pearlyman is the new head of the handicap, and by a stone, should it be Barnbrook Agein.

Pearlyman, outstanding win-ner of the Queen Mother Cham-pion Chase in 1987 and 1988, ran well after a long lay-off at Wetherby on Boxing Day. But his trainer, John Edwards, will not be making a definite decision until later in the week about his talented two-miler. "It may be as late as Friday," he says. "He's fine in himself, but he's a difficult horse to train, and I can't say more than that, except that the ultimate objective is the Queen Mother Champion Chase

A great deal of wood is being touched at Whitsbury concern-ing Barnbrook Again, Desert Orchid's stable companion and another Queen Mother Cham-ping Cheen winds Safer free of pion Chase winner. So far free of the cough, they are hoping that this attractive jumper will be fit to line up at the end of the week.

Among other intended run-ners are Long Engagement or Waterloo Boy for David Nichol-son, Panto Prince, who helped stage the grandstand finish with Desert Orchid in the race last year, and the enigmatic Vodkatini who feli when taking

part last season. Feroda, twice a winner on successive days at Aintree last spring, travels over from Ire-

2.45 WYMESWOLD NOVICES CHASE (£3,129: 3m) (19 runners)

enge definitely includes Nobalmdon, and possibly Clever Folly, now recovering from the cough and whom Gordon Richards is anxious to

At present out of the handicap proper are several likely contenders including Nortons Coin, Andy Turnell's promising coin, Andy I arnell's promising seven-year-old Blueberry King. Star's Delight, from the Martin Pipe stable, and possibly Hogmanay, 2 winner at Sandown on Saturday.

With the uncertainty concerning coughing, the sponsors are delaying opening their ante-post book until later in the week.

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LEICESTER

Selections By Mandarin

1.15 Dat Train,

2.45 Royal Athlete. 3.15 BORDEAUX BEAU (nap).

By Michael Seely 1.15 Dat Train. 2.15 Socks Downe. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 NINJA.

Going: good

1.1	5 NOMA	D NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,360; 2m) (22 runners)		
1	no	DAT TRAIN 10 (CD,G) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitmen 6-11-11		84
ż	61	UNCLE ERME 14 (D,S) (A F Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Pitzgereid 5-11-	11 Id Davier	84
3	500003-	BOLD SUP 288F (J. Heritage) R Akahurst 5-11-5	L Harvey	65
4	a	BOLD BMP 288F (J. Heritage) R Atahurst 5-11-5 EMMA TOM BAY 12 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 5-11-5	J Robson	-
5	60	FALLOPOLIS 11 (P F M Civil Eng Co Ltd) J Edwards 5-11-5	T Morgan	_
6	4	FALLOPOLIS 11 (P F M Civil Eng Co Ltd) J Edwards 5-11-5	S Keightley	72
7	2/	QOLD JUSTICE 879 (E Benfield) P Miskin 6-11-5	R Greet	_
8	00P-0	HURRY ON HARRY 11 (Woodrock Investments Ltd) M Wikinson 6-11-5		_
ğ		LE PICCOLAGE (Mrs M Clark) N Henderson 6-11-5		_
10	50	SAUTURE 50 (R Seyer) S Dow 5-11-5		
11	245-2	SHARON'S ROYALE 12 (A Jones) A Jones 7-11-5	I Shoemark (5)	82
12	P.25	SCHEETE DI AV 10 (Poll-meil Partners) A Turnell 5-11-5	G McCourt	77
13	8-0	TVRIAN KING 18 (S Crown) S Chostien 5-11-5	Mr G Linton (3)	_
14	4/UD-F0	TYRIAN KING 18 (S Crown) S Christian 5-11-5 WHISKEY BLUES & LI Hancock) M Skinner 5-11-5 EREIGHILL ROSE (Mrs. J Dibben) O Sherwood 7-11-0 MADAN TAYLOR 19 (Taylors of Scham Ltd) H Collingridge 5-11-0 MISS FERN 14 (Phipps, Salley, Duene & Co) R Dickin 5-11-0		_
15	400.0	BREWEILL ROSSE (Mrs. J Dibben) O Shenwood 7-11-0	J Osborne	-
16		MADAM TAYLOR 19 (Taylors of Schem Ltd) H Collegidge 5-11-0	S Smith Eccles	_
17	06-D	MISS FERN 14 (Phiors, Salley, Duene & Co) R Dickin 5-11-0	M Jones (5)	_
18	00P-000	SCALLYMERE 18 (T Bebb) A Brisbourne 7-11-0	16 Brisbourne	_
19	0060-0	UMBRIELLA GIRL 108 (Mrs C Coman) A James 6-11-0	S J O'Neil	_
20		HIRAM B BIRDBATH (S Astaire) J Glover 4-10-7	R Febru	_
21	572	NINJA 13 (H Mould) D Nicholson 4-10-7	R Bellewy (5)	e 33
22		NARCH FOLLY (J Whelan) P Hedger 4-10-2	M Richards	_
		5-2 Det Trein, 3-1 Uncie Emis, 7-2 Ninje, 7-1 Bremhill Rosie, 10-1 S		12.1
Sour	eze Play.	: 5-2 Dat Train, 3-1 Cricio Erras, 7-2 Arrija, 7-1 Errasinia Aceas, 10-1 5 Le Piccolage, Bold Imp, 16-1 Others.	MARION D MUYBUS	. 20-1
		1989: VAYRUA 4-10-7 M Perrett (1-4 fev) G Harwood 13 run		
		the state of the s		

FORM FOCUS DAT TRAIN was off the track for 21 months prior to a 2% course and distance victory over Singlesole (good). UNCLE ERMIE came through at the last to beat Antiguan Smile 11% at Westerby (2m, good to soft).

FINAL SOUND weekened approaching the last whem 201 4th to Tilt Tach Piyer at Folkestone (2m 100yd, soft). SHARON'S ROYALE creditable SI 2nd

to Attack at Stratford despite a lest flight mistake (2m, good) with EMMA TOM BAY (same terms) was tailed off 10th. SQUEEZE PLAY has claims on a 12' 2nd to Vazon Bay here in November (2m, good to firm). MBNJA showed much improved form when 2½ 2nd to Sentorius at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft).

14	5 GR08	Y MAIDEN CHASE (£2,651: 2m) (17 runners)		
1		AINSTY FOX 10 (C Burton) B Elison 6-11-8.		71
2		BAY LIBRUASSIG 25 (J. Upson) J. Upson 6-11-8		
3	0003-P0	HAWKES DALE 14 (B Clayden) Mrs E Heath 6-11-6	Mr P Harding Jones (5)	_
- 4		PRISCILLIAN 395 (H Mould) D Nicholson 6-11-8		_
5		RENAB VENTURE 7 (P Venn) J Old 6-11-8		_
ē		TEMECOUNT 8 (C Saunders) C Saunders 6-11-8		_
7		TORT 487 (Q) (T Wrack) J Mackie 6-11-8	S J O'Nald	
à		WAYWARD LUKE 18 (J Senders) R Dickin 6-11-8		
ē		HERON VALLEY 28 (N Blair) W Partin 8-11-3		-
10		ROULADE 29 (8) (Captain P Doyne) J Webber 6-11-3		_
11		AFALTOUN 347 (H Hopgood) D Gandolfo 5-10-12	S Smith Eccles	_
12		ASTRE RADIEUX 17 (T Hermings) S Mellor 5-10-12		e 95
13	0.05		M Lynch	
14		FISHING SEASON 10 (G Rescale) Mays A Rescale 5-10-12		_
15		MAJOR EFFORT 17 (Mrs F Hervey) G Beiding 5-10-12		
16		Minimum RISK 17 (Nrs J Murray) P Hedger 5-10-12		
17		TARA SOY 20 (D Pickering) R Francis 5-10-12		
		9-4 Major Effort, 7-2 Ballinhassig, 5-1 Ainsty Fox, 8-1 Astra R	wagaz, 7-1 PTSONAN, 10-1	ion,
10-1	others.			

1989: CINE WORE KINGHT 6-11-8 L Hervey (14-1) Mrs I McKin 16 ran

FORM FOCUS ARISTY FOX etnyed to Royal Greek at Catterick (2m, good to firm). BALLENHASSIG weakened approaching the lest when 101 Srd to Veitsey at Fakenham (2m Sf 110)d, soft).

RADREUX tolled by 21%1 to catch at Brandeston, a winner yesterday, at Chepstow last month (2m, both, Cots MA HABHMA (some terms) was 57%1 both in 55% and MINISHMA RISK (some terms) pulled up by MAJOR EFFORT (same terms) was 2nd and had every chance when falling 2 cut on his chaning debut.

I	S PHEF	JON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,898; 2m 4f) (8 runners)	
١	80/0/52	SOCKS DOWNE 11 (D,BF,G,S) (C Cowley) Mrs J Pitmen 11-11-12	. 22
2	1P1-123	TSARELLA 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H Maldand-Jones) N Henderson 5-11-11	- 90
ē,	16-1574	SQ,VER PALE 10 (CO,F,S) (P Scommell) M Other 9-11-9	97
ŧ	3401-31	CROCK-NA-NEE 20 (D,G,S) (D Harrison) O Sharwood 9-11-4 J Oeborne	m 99
5	3F-331F	INSPECTOR BEN 20 (CD,F,S) (Mrs H Barnister) J Smith 11-10-4 B de Hear	97
5	30P1U3-	MASTER OF LYRIC 304 (D.F) (Halawood Vintners Ltd) R Akahung 8-10-0 L Harvey	. 85
7	42F-286	WARNER'S END 13 (B,BF,S) (Lady Lyet) J Webber 9-10-0 M Lynch	57
8	060242	RAVENSDALE ROAD 10 (T Shitter) A James 7-10-0 E Tierney (7)	85
		Scap : Mester Of Lyric 9-10, Warners End 9-9, Revensorie 8-13,	,
		11.4 Crack-Ma-Non 7.2 Teorollo 4.1 Soute Drump 11.3 increases See 7.1 Show Bel	la 8.1

Warner's End, 10-1 Mester Of Lyric, 16-1 Revenudale Road. 1999: KITTINGER 8-11-0 | Lewrence (5-2) A Turnell 8 ren FORM FOCUS SOCKS DOWNE SOUTHERNER AT FORMER 27 44, good). TSARBLA was not disgraced by a 51 Kempton 3rd to Zuko (3m, record).

SILVER PALE winner of a bad race here in November with INSPECTOR BEH (3th better off) 351 3rd (2m 4t, frm); letest put up a better performance

when 81 4th to Buckshee Boy at Newbury (2m 4f, good).
CROCK-NA-NEE hard ridden to beat Another Schedule sh hd at Bangor (2m 4f, soft) when INSPECTOR BEN (5th better off) was a taller 5 out.
MASTER OF LYRIC has an outside claim on last January's 77 Sedgefield victory over Good Afternoon (2m 4f, good to firm).

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections

1.00 Shadeux.

2.30 Cadford Girl. 3.00 Master Barn. 3.30 Mighty Prince.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

£2.301: 68 (10)

£2,301: 6f) (6)

288.43. Tricest 23,045.32.

1.30 (2m 4 hdle) 1, MILHETTA (Molecular Content of the Content of th Class 2A. De (First or second with any other horse) 28.30. No bid.

28 (2m ch) 1. BLE RANBOW (P. Statemore, 3-4 fav); 2. Setter Country (W. Inter., 7-2); 3. Little Bloom (H. Greene, 1-4 fav); 3. Little Bloom (H. Greene, 1-4 fav); 4. Little Bloom (H. S. Parene, 1-4 fav); 5. Little Bloom (H. S. Parene, 1-4 fav); 6. Little Bloom (H. S. Parene, 1-4 fav); 7. Little Bloom (H. S. Parene, 1-4 fav); 7. Little Bloom (H. S. Parene, 1-4 fav); 8. Little Bl

Gaing: good



50 Commanche Brave, Insight Ster, Mr Strider, Palace Gardens, 100 Balinger Bill (pu), Buckosk (su), Crisp Note, Georgian Culcitateo (pu), Lady Pay (pu), 20 ren. 12, 5, 13, 14, 15, M Pips at Wellington, Total 21,90; 51,40, 21,30, 25,20, Dr. 21,90, CSF: 22,97. CSR: \$2.97.

3.0 (3m 6f ch) 1, NORTH LANE (P. Studemore, 6-1); 2, Decramder (T. Granfhent, 6-1); 3, Mieter Christien (S. Earle, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 3 (Art Christien (S. Earle, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 3 (Art Christien (Arthur (Art), 12 Galic Prince, 16 Outside Edge, 20 Rausal (6th), Ogendeba (pa), Red Columbia, 25 Comm (pa), 33 Ardesee (pu), 68 Sidbury HE, 14 ran. 244, 114, 20, 14, 15, M. Pipe af Welfington, Tota: 10,30; 22.80, 22.90, 52.90, DF: 550.60. CSF: 257.52, Tricast: 2548.62.

CSF: E57.52. Tricest: 2548.62.
3.30 (2m 4f hole) 1. DANNY HARROLD
(Mr Pitmen, 4-6 fav): 2. Junior Parties (1
Morgan, 10-1); 3. Mayerna (S Earle, 4-1).
ALSO RAN: B Dorver (4th), 14 Bright
Barley, Glamis, What A To Do (8th), 25
Easy Time, 33 Northern Alisance, Rosa
Massin; 50 Cheshire Cove, Groosr Jack,
Jacko's Fun (pg), Manhetten Beach,
Master Marron, Michaever (6th), Plastic
Spaceage, Official Lady,
Dawy, Sopharms (pu), 20 rst. 15, 34, 61, 34,
72. Mrs. J Pitmen at Upper Lambourn.
Tote: 22.20; 21.50, 21.90, 22.10. DF:
26.50. CSF: 210.57.
Placeage ast were (pool of 22.291.39 Placepot: not man (pool of £2,291.39 carried forward to Lingüield today).

Wolverhampton

Going: good

1.15 (2m holis) 1, OBELISKI (S Smith
Excles, 16-1); 2, Gee Double You (W
Morris, 20-1); 3, Sursest Court (S de Hann,
11-1), ALSO RAN: Evens for Villa Recos
(4th), 6 Merdood, 10 Theo's Fella, 12 Big
Red (5th), 33 Adromitos (f), Alchemio,
Mount Petrick, Feeling Better (pu), Mr
Domrouse (6th), 50 Fellow's Night (pu),
Grow Whistons, 100 Fernily Pride, Stracey
Castle, 16 nm. MR: Philipponnet, 3, 7,
134, hd, 44, M Tomptime & Newmarket,
Tote: £10.60; £2.30, £2.70, £5.40. DF:
£28.40. CSF: £258.02

1.46 (2m ch) 1, BRANDESTON (D Mur-

226.40. CSF: 2250.02.

1.45 (2m ch) 1, BRANDESTON (D Marchy, 3-1); 2, Spitzhadifference (R Bellemy, 2-1); 3, Telemacius (H Davies, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 8-6 fav Go West, 13-2 The Green Staff (Sth), 9 Monday Club (ur), 20 Bradwall (4th), L'Enchare (pu), 39 Blowhem (f), Just Perkins (Sth), 50 Little Man (f), 11 ran. NP: Hilarion, Monastic Celm. XI, 101, 11, 12, 191. G Hubbard at Woodbridge, Totar 24.10; £1.40, £4.30, £4.50. DF: £28.80, CSF: £52.65. DF. 228.00 CSP: \$52.65.
2.15 (Sm 1f ch) 1, RYMER KING (M Lynch, 9-4 fav); 2. A Boy Named Sloux (F Beggan, 8-1): 3, Only Trouble (H Davies, 5-1). ALSO FIAM: 6 Word Be Gone Long Math, Frim Price (f), 13-2 Lickworth (6th), 16 Dert Over, 33 Sergeent Sortes (5th), 50 Blackwell Boy. 9 ran. 11, 81, 31, 201, 51, 71 (mags 4th Methon-Lindar-Wychrecot. Total: 53.00; 21.20, 51.70, 21.70. DF. 210.10. CSF: 218.09. Tricket £77.23. 2.65 (2m 4f ch) 1, CELTIC WALK (H Davies, 3-1 faw); 2, Coutum Color (S J O'Noll, 8-1); 3, Campsee-Ash (D Murphy, 14-1); 4, Cruden Bay (M Brennan, 25-1).

ALSO RAN- 8 Text Led. 7 Gingeriand, 8 Ardra Duke (6th), 12 Knockumshin, Our Survivor (ur), 16 London Leader (ur), 20 Gantero (ir), 25 Gay Gurner (pu), Wr Enterteiner (5th), 35 Piague O' Rats, A Lad Instane (pu), Strictly Business (f), 16 ran. 5, 8, 100, 41, 81. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: 26.60; 22.40, £1.40, £3.10, £10.30. OP: £13.30. CSF: £26.59. Tricest: £270.47. £13.0. CSF: £26.59. Tricest: £270.47.
3.15 (2m hdie) 1, SLEEPLINE ROYALE
(N Mann, 20-1); 2, Wissenster (J Lodder, 132); 3, Raccidivist (Mr C Mande, 9-2). ALSO
RANE 4 few Opening Overture, 9-2 White
River, 11-2 Richards Pet (5th), 13-2 Gargoor (4th), 18 Miracle Worker, Francis
Rose, 20 Dismonding, 68 Romentic Maicity, Broken Line, Majole Hayes (8th), 16
rm, 51, 17, 13, 44, R Holder at Bristol.
Tota: £37.50; £8.50, £2.50, £2.60. DF:
£40.20. CSF: £137.98.

240.20. CSF: 2137.96.
3.45 [2m Indie) 1, INCEP HOPE ALIVE (D Shurphy, 4-9 insy; 2, Senten Abbey (T Cloise, 33-1); 3, Gass Happy (N Mann. 20-1). ALSO RANK 7 Gentlemans 3 1g (4th), 14 Norwich Castle (6th). Polar Vision, 20 Friary Court, Evening Hour, 33 Steveynul (5th), 50 High Deal, Manneny's Chance, Bright Corner, Coney Dove, Rousse De Pomme. Indian Uprising. 15 ran. NR. Hyton Run, Turner's Reach. 51, 51, 52, 251, 28. B Curley at Newmarket. Totte £21.0; £1.10, £3.30, £2.80. DF: £44.80. CSF: £17.98.

Lingfield Park

Golog: standard
1.10 (2m 4f hole) 1, Lu Castusa (8 MoGilt, 5-2); 2, Duneton Hill (2-1); 3, Parkbirride (3-1), Virginia's Bay 2-1 fav. 4 ran.
19, 3, C Beever, Tota: £3,50, Dr. £4,70.
CSI: £9.21.
1.40 (2m hole) 1, Presidio (0 Morris, 138); 2, General Sikry (7-1); 3, Audiorstin (55 fay), 4 ran. 2, 194, 1, White, Tota: £2.90.
DF: £10,20, CSF: £9,84.
2.10 (2m hole) 1, Marhad (R Goldstein, 11-2); 2, Operatic Score (5-1); 3, Marphy (2-1 fay), 6 ran. 8, 21, J Joseph, Tota: £4,00; £1,10, £2,30. DF: £6,50. CSF: £3,00.
2.40 (2m 4f hole) 1, Sig Finish (Dele

2.00 (2m 4f hdie) 1, Sig Finish (Osle McKeown, 5-2 tav); 2, High Chetseu (O Byrne, 7-2; 3, Careless Kiss (9-2), 7 ran. 201, rst. Mēss B Sanders. Tota: 22.10; 23.40, 21.20. DF: 228.80. GSF: £12.25. 3.16 (2m hdle) 1, Sing The Blues (Dale McKeown, Evens fav); 2, Semovar (7-1); 3, Bwana Kati (3-1). 8 ran. Kl. 10t. C. Ben-stagd. Tote: E1.80; £1.10, £1.20, DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.82. Tricast: £39.01. 3.42 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Super Jules (J Osborne, 9-2); 2, Interplay (2-13 fav). 2 nn. 5. J Old. Tote: £3.20.

Pebbles foal

Former top racemare Pebbles M Pipe gave birth to a bay colt by Old Vic's sire, Sadler's Wells, at the Dalham Hall Stud on Saturday.

S Christian M Pipe D Gandotto J Edwards R Holder J Bales

By Mandarin

1.30 Annette's Delight. 2.00 Yiragan.

Going: heavy 1.00 CHELSTON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,730: 2m 150yd) (13 runners)

1	431	MIDFIELDER 12 (D,S) (Sourretream 7') P Hobbs 11-6	
2	1	SHADBUX 152 (B.CD.F) (J Billington) M Pipe 11-6 PScudemore	
3	00	ALDINGTON PRINCE 24 (C Wheatley) C Trietline 10-10 S Turner	
4		BEST EFFORT 11 (R Miguel) R Holder 10-10	
5	•	CARELESS LAD 76F (J Joseph) R Frost 10-10.	_
6	8	FEARLESS NATIVE 59 (Mrs J Holmes) R Manning 10-10	
7		FIRST ADMIRAL 138F (L. Nesh) D Winte 10-10	
8	4	MAM FOR ALL SEASON 17 (P State) J Beker 10-10	
9	85	SWINGING MOE JOE 12 (8) (J Stevens) N Mitchell 10-10 A Tory (5)	
ľŌ		WHITCOMBE WARRIOR 12 (Whitcombs Manor) N Mitchell 10-10	
ī		MERRY MARIBOLD 12 (Mrs Pentoki) J Roberts 10-5 N Merm (7)	
2		SPRENCE AKE'S LADY 8 (J Forts) J Forts 10-5	
3		TEME ON MY HANDS 12 (L. Hawkings) Mrs A Knight 10-5	
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	1.30 BABBACOMBE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,360: 2m 150yd) (14 runners)
	1 SPPS-4P ANOTHER BROWNE & (D.F.G.S) Mrs J Womacott 11-12-7
	2 P55-223 KASHEL 50 (D.BF.F.Q.S) (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 12-11-2
ı	3 P2PU4-P SIR LESTER 12 (CD.F.S) (C Nash) C Nash 14-11-1 Mrs P Nash 9
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	5 2P REDALLY 12 (V) (Miss H Pengely) M Pipe 7-10-11 Programme P Scudemore -
	6 PS301/P LEG UP 14 (F) (C Pester) Mrs J Wormscott 11-10-10 P Johnson (7)
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	8 400/GFP OR FEVER 8 (F,S) (C Poster) Mrs J Wornscott 10-10-7
i	9 PB-PG30 RONOCCO 54 87 (Mrs S Williams) Mrs S Williams 8-10-0
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ı	13 2-45F80 CLOUD CHASER 18 (V) (Nrs C Hayton) B Forsey 7-10-0
i	14 FPF08-4 TONGSUMAN 12 (F,S) (J Shears) J Streams 13-10-0
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1989: OUT OF THE GLOOM 8-10-10 P Scudamore (4-11 fav) M Pipe 16 ran

BETTING: 7-4 Royal Amete, 9-2 Up And Coming, 11-2 Randolph Crescent, 7-1 The Nigal inaveen, 12-1 Speakers Comer, 14-1 others. 1969: DERCANDER 7-11-5 Mr T Granthem (100-30 fav) Lady Herries 13 ran FORM FOCUS BALLINAVEEN, winner of five point-topoints in 1989, won sessity over course and distance
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SPEAKERS CORNER best Bit Of A Clown 71 at
Cheltenham (3m 11, good to firm).

LP AND COMEND made successful chasing debut
when beating Folk Dance 71 at Stratford (2m 6/.

Selection: UP AND COMEND 3.15 NOMAD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,360; 2m) (18 runners) SNOMAD WOVICES MUNDLE (UV II: 21,300: 211) (13 TURNETS)

8854-10 HARD STUFF 24 (D.G) (Miss M Lane) D Nicholson 6-11-11

17 RAKES LANE 8 (CD.G) (J. Livock) J Jenkins 5-11-11

ARQUIND AND ABOUT (Pel-mell Partners) A Turnell 6-11-5

LID-GPD BONUS BOY 33 (J. G Scut) A Chambertain 5-11-5

F BORDEAUX BEAU 45 (BF) (D Naylor-Leyland) O Sherwood 6-11-5

9 BREAKOUT 14 (D Cahal) J Harris 6-11-5

2- BROOKTING 522 (R Pitel) Mrs P Sty 5-11-5

9 FORGET THE BLUES 19 (A Etherdog) S Dow 6-11-5

D- LOCHERRE 255 (G Chatterton) O Bromman 6-11-5

4 SAADOUN 14 (T Crowson Jrn) Mrs P Sty 7-11-5

4-00 STOP TWO 20 (D Miss) M Oliver 6-11-5

CHESS MISTRESS 318F (R Brand) J White 5-11-0 R Bellemy (5) T Norgen . J Cabome .. J A Harris Sanitty (5) ... R Guest

4-00 STOP TWO 20 (D Mäts) M Oliver 6-11-5 ...
CHESS MISTRESS 318F (R Brand) J Writes 5-11-0 ...
P/PO MISS HADDON 11 (J Bostey) J Bostey 7-11-0 ...
OP BORDFUS 148 (N Coley) R Thompson 4-10-7 ...
ODE2 COCKSTOWN LAD 48 (D Beldwin) R Akshures 4-10-7 ...
F COME HALLEY 20 (Ligvale Ltr) R Bost 4-10-7 ...
22 LISSAHANE LASS 12 (J Whelan) P Hedger 4-10-2 ... _ J Leech (5) , T Granthem , M Richards TTING: 6-4 Bordeaux Beau, 4-1 Forced March, 6-1 Lissahane Lass, 7-1 Cookstown Lad, 8-1 Rakes 0-1 Saadoun, 12-1 Hard Stuff, 16-1 Breakout, 20-1 others. 1989: GROSSEN 5-11-5 R Durwoody (4-1) Miss P Hell 8 ran FORM FOCUS HARD STUFF ran on late to beat Eye Sight 11 at Heratord (2m., good) in November; latest finished a soundly beaten 10th of 24 to Pearl Prospect at Notzingham (2m. soit).

FORCED MARCH 41 2nd of 13 to Mayonin at Devon (2m 1f, good); latest finished a one-paced 10f 5th of 17 to Run To Form at Ludlow (2m, good). SAADOUN, a French import, should come on for his first outing for over 2 years at Market Resen (2m, good) when 321 4th ol 12 to Man. Of The West, LISSAHANE LASS swerved badly on the run-in before running on in the closing stages to be 11/1 2nd of 13 to Regal Lake at Taumton (2m 110yd, soft) par clear. finished a soundly beatsn 10th of 24 to Pearl Prospect at Nottingram (2m, soit).

RAKES LAME put up an improved performance to beat Whitewash 2M pair 12 clear over course and distance (good). BORDEAUX BEAU was sent off security for his rescourse debut at Newtony (2m 100yd, good to firm) and was staying on when falling 2 out in the race won by General Glory.

3.45 LEICESTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,166: 2m) (21 runners) 1 11-303 CLEAR CALL 14 (D.F.S) (D Jones) J Edwards 5-19-0
14P3-24 BIG DIARROND 14 (D.BF.G) (Mrs C Phipps) I Campbell 5-11-8
3 605/50-0 TOUR DE FORCE 17 (D.G.S) (Mrs C Phipps) I Campbell 5-11-8
3 605/50-0 TOUR DE FORCE 17 (D.G.S) (Mrs C Phipps) I Campbell 5-11-8
5 60-1521 RECH NEPHEY 17 (D.F.G) (D McDougell) C Weedon 5-11-4
5 60-1521 RECH NEPHEY 17 (D.F.G) (D McDougell) C Weedon 5-11-4
6 32/2101- MCORE STYLISH 178F (D.C.S) (D Beaumord) J Ringer 7-11-3
7 6140/90 ONE TO MARK 10 (CD.S) (R Donohoe) R Bermelt 7-11-2
8 /44130- RICKESTON LAD 333 (D.S) (J Knowles) B Pailing 7-11-1
9 301002 VALTAKI 18 (D.F.G.S) (J Seiter) L Codd 5-11-1
9 12873 BICKERMAN 33 (B.D.F.G) (B Dowling) J Spearing 7-10-13
1 67450-P OTHET 28 (D.F.) (C Budd) M Usher 6-10-12
2 2213-04 HGM RBD 77 (D.S) (Mrs S Jernery William Price 5-10-11.
3 16P-P GROSSEN 118 (CD.S) (B Wade) Mise P Hell 6-10-11
6 0-13102 MCUNTAR MAN 11 (D.F.G.S) (C McDonagh) R Dickin 14-10-8
6 0-11143 BETWEEN THE SHEETS 29 (F) (T G Mills Lay W Carter 5-10-7
8 LI00390- WOODENBRIDGE 250 (D.S) (Mrs C Murray) O O'Nell 7-10-3
9 8500(40 DOLLY WARDANCE 18 JJ Woothington) Miss G Rees 6-10-2
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.... D Murphy
... P Harloy (7)
..... C Examp ... P Looch davies (5) __ L Wyer Loca R Beggen Long handicap: Dolly Wardance 9-12, Treesure Lord 9-11, Reindeer Walk 9-3.

BETTING: 4-1 Mountain Men, 5-1 Valtaki, 6-1 Between The Sheets, 7-1 Big Diamond, 7-1 Rich Nephew, Noodenbridge, 10-1 Bedrock, 12-1 Clear Call, 14-1 Swift Melody, 16-1 others. 1989: L B LAUGHS 6-11-2 M Richards (7-2) P Hedger 12 ran

FORM FOCUS BIG DIAMOND proved a regiser disappointing feetourite at Humingdon (2m 100yd, soft) beaten 15% into 4th behind Bittle. RICH MEPHEW held on garnely to beat Beau Guset 3d at Edinburgh (2m, good).

WALTAIG, twice a winner of sellers this term, excelled himself in hendicap company at Ludiow (2m, good) when running on to be 1%1 2nd of 20 to

and kept on well to be 5 2nd of 14 to Bold Illusion at Warwick (2m, good). BETWEEN THE SHEETS races off only a 3th higher mark than when beating Fearless Fighter 20 at Devon (2m 11, hard) in August; latest at Warwick (2m, firm) ran on well when 8i 3rd of 10 to Bwani Kail.

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Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88 Rececard number. Six-figure form (F - fell. distance winner. SF - beaten favourite in P - pulled up. U - unseared rider. B - brought latest race). Going on which horse has won down. S - sipped up. B - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days alove last outing; E if fat. (B - blinkers. E - soft. good to soft, heavy). Owner in since last outing; E if fat. (B - blinkers. E - brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider winner. E - distance winner. E - course and Handicepper's rating.

2.30 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,164: 2m 5f 110yd) (16 runners) 2m 5f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 20-4011 CADFORD GRB. 14 (CD,F,S) (P Coombes) W G M Turner 6-11-12

2 53222 GRACE MOORE 14 (F) (A Reson) K Bishop 6-11-5

3 06020-5 AIR STREAK 14 (J Philipps) A J Wilson 6-10-12

4 5033P-F ALMOST CAUGHT 42 (R Frost) R Frost 9-10-12

5 BALLYEDEN 225 (Express 6 Star Resourmers Club) J Edwards 6-10-12

7 CUT ABOVE THE REST (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 8-10-12

9 FORDER CHERRY 28 (T Belley) T Balley 6-10-12

9 FF0-P G W SUPERSTAR 61 (Greet Western Developments) N Mitchell 7-10-12

10 50-5 HOW MAJESTIC 18 (P Lee) S Christian 6-10-12

11 0 JURGOR LANCASTER 20 (M Griffin) T Habbyt 5-10-12

12 0 MISS MUCK 27 (N TWISDON-Davies) N TWISDON-Davies 5-10-12

13 0 NOTA-PENNYLESS 12 (Mrs C Worsdale) R Hodges 8-10-12

14 2097F-4 RARE LUCK 14 (Mrs D Hammerson) P Jones 7-10-12

15 004P- SNOWY AUTURN 314 (D Sharpe) J Old 6-10-12

BETTING: 11-4 Air Streek, 7-2 Cadford Girl, 9-2 Almost Caught, 7-1 Rare Luck

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Long handkap: Wineshall 9-9.
BETTING: 8-11 Mester Bern, 5-2 Johns Present, 7-1 Clear Choice, 12-1 Brenden Oliviz, 14-1 others.
1999: RUSCH DE FARGES 6-12-0 P Scudemore (4-7 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

3.30 ST MARYCHURCH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,066: 2m 150yd) (12 runners)

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	2 11520-0 DORMGON TREASURE 8 (CD.G.S) (M Hubbard) J Beker 5-11-9	93
	3 303321 NOBLE EYRE 12 (CD,Q,S) (A Smith) D Gendolfo 9-11-5	69
	4 425/5P-0 CELTIC DOVE 18 (Mrs J Martin) K Bishop 7-11-5	_
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		95
	7 S4D/40-5 CHANTILLY LACE 17 (D.S.) (A Semuel) Mrs A Knight 6-10-8	91
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	9 4-60422 DOC'S COAT 5 (F) (Beaconsfield Developments) C Wikiman 5-10-7 B Wright @	
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1989: MIGHT MOVE 6-11-7 P Scudemore (11-8 tav) M Pipe 13 ran

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Champions corrupted by Ceausescus

the malign influence of the Ceausescus was felt in the world of sport just as it was in every other element of life in Romania before the revolution.

Every member of the Ceausescu family appears to have had a sporting hobby. The dictator himself was known as "the Great Hunter", proud of his trophies and hunting lodges, and he is known to have liked to play wolleyfull. Nign the her conservations and her conservations are the server and the server and the server are the server are the server and the server are the server are the server and the server are the server and the server are t volleyball. Nicu, the heir apparent, loved fast cars and pistol-shooting. In the village of Scornicesti, the family were the "sponsors" of the much-hated Oft football club, recently disbanded by the new Ministry of Sport.

Ceausescu's eldest son, Valentin, a nuclear physicist trained at Imperial College, and his uncle, lie - the brother of the dictator and head of the political commission of the army - became the patrons of the football team of the army club, Steaua Bucharest, one of the most popular teams in the country and winners of the European Cup in 1986.

The association of the Ceausescus with the club led to a rapid decline in popularity. Steaua became almost as hated as their foremost rivals, the club of the Ministry of the Interior, Dynamo Bucharest.

Steaua, like Dynamo, had been founded during the 1950s, modelled on their sister Soviet clubs, TSKA and Dynamo, respectively. Nevertheless their long-term future - in their present form

anyway — is uncertain.

it is said that Valentin
Ceausescu is still at large. While
sources in this rumour-filled country suggest that "the dictator of Romanian soccer" has fled abroad, there are suggestions he would like to give himself up to the military men of his former pet

If this is true, Ceausescu could make a fatal mistake. He and his uncie are as passionately hated in the club as their family in the country at large.

"I tell you if people could lay their hands on them they would tear them apart. There is no word to describe how hated they are, Colonel Stefan Achim, the coach of the weightlifting team, said.

"I wish I would never hear their cursed names again," added Colo-nel Constantin Tanase, the commanding officer of the club.

They have humiliated me and my colleagues and have challenged my authority. The manager of the team, lordanescu, was so tormented by these two men that he resigned several times - though I turned his resignation down and he ended up in a hospital with a nervous breakdown.

"Corruption was rife. The curreacy from various deals abroad was deposited in a special Ceausescu account. While the rugby players were desperately short of kit and the ice hockey team was unable to buy its sticks or skates, the football team became an enterprise run by the uncle and son. When I chall them several times, I was told off and simply forbidden from having anything to do with the football

"Before Steaua's European Cup game against PSV Eindhoven last autumn, General Miles, the Defence Minister - he committed suicide rather than order the army to open fire on the demonstrators - asked me to manage the team in The Netherlands. The day before departure, young 'dictator Ceausescu' managed to convince his uncle, Ilie, the general - who as a deputy Defence Minister and honorary president of the club was my superior - to drop me from the touring party.

"When they returned, truly walloped, from The Netherlands, General Milea - God rest his soul - asked me to come to the

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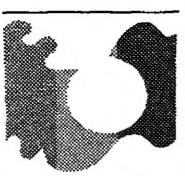
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Pistes in good condition on upper slopes. Snow canons

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AFTER THE REVOLUTION

Romania has long been renowned for sporting excellence. Chris Thau, a Romanian journalist who has written for The Times for several years, has returned to his

homeland to see how the fall of the Ceausescu regime has affected

sport and sportsmen there. In the first of a three-part series, he reveals how corruption

poisoned one of the country's most famous institutions, the Steaua

Bucharest club

ministry and gave me a good telling-off for the defeat. After he had finished, I said: 'General, I'm sorry I wasn't there. I was ordered by General Ceausescu to stay behind.' The minister was enraged and said this must have been the first time in history that the order of the Minister of Defence had been changed by his deputy ... but he couldn't do anything.

Colonel Tanase continued:"I wrote a report on the decline of the football team. I said that they did not train properly, that coaching sessions were 'directed' by other people - I meant Valentin Ceausescu — that the public who once supported us was now booing the team and that players played poker late at night in the hotel before the next day's game.

"My colleagues warned me that I would be sacked but we all stood by the findings of the report. Ilie Ceausescu called us the following day and just rubbished us, four colonels and a general. I told him that everything we said was genuine and we stood by it and the future would prove us right. Indeed it did."

e added: "In the evenings when I was cursing the moment I accepted the appointment as Steaua's commanding officer. But my wife kept saying Keep your mouth shut. Don't criticize or otherwise you'll be poisoned or they will get rid of

The terror, the most potent weapon of any dictatorship, forced the outspoken officer to shut up or put up, like most of his

countrymen.

The obscenity of the Ceausescu rule was matched only by the corruption of the family. The two Ceausescus, uncle and nephew. used the football team as a cover up for a thriving business. The money provided by various sponsors, including Ford, ended up in their hard currency account. One of their most lucrative deals was

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Mackintosh man: Valentin Ceausescu with the players of the Steam club he used as a cover for illegal business deals and currency transactions



Unsporting general: the uniformed Ilie Ceausescu, shaking hands with his brother, the dictator, co-operated in the intimidation of referees

A retired colonel, Ion Voinescu. one of the leading goalkeepers of the 1950s and a former coach at Steaua, said: "They used the team to bring in the stuff. They were leaving the videos behind with their customs people and afterwards one of the junior officers in the administration would go to the Otopeni airport to collect them. I don't know how they operated the racket, but I remember when the videos arrived they would normally fill two offices at the ground.

"They were not interested in other sports. There was no money in weightlifting or volleyball," Colonel Carol Kramer, a former international rugby union centre,

"Valentin Ceausescu was the de facto manager of the football team. He had his favourites and corrupted the side. Some of them became genuine fat cats. The results declined accordingly."

Valentin was known as "Mr White Ford" because he had the only white Ford Sierra in the country. He was in the habit of giving the coach a half-hour pep talk before each coaching session, while the team was kept waiting. Colonel Tanase said.

Valentia Ceausescu was known to intimidate the referees to take care of his side. Voinescu said that when Steaua were faced with a difficult game, Valentin and his uncle would walk to the ground and sit in the stands. "They would few hours later the federation call the referee and warn him that they were there to monitor his fairness'.

"Poor referees! However, the Steaua v Dynamo match was always a real predicament for them. On the one hand, they had the Ceausescus and on the other there were the Securitate, which meant for most of them passports, car fines and harassment, Voinescu said.

A few years ago, unhappy with a referee's decision in the final of the Romanian Cup between Steaua and Dynamo, just before extra time, young Ceausescu ordered "his side" off the field. Dynamo were presented with the cup but a

SWIMMING

By Craig Lord

of the aims of the Amateu

The Fast Water Meet, to be held at Barnet Copthall, London, on March 23, will aim

to achieve this by staging a programme of 50-metre sprint

virtually guaranteed to provide close finishes.

year's winners, will be joined by Kelly College, Barnet Copthall,

Beckenham, City of Leeds and Portsmouth. Clubs from Swe-

ose nnisnes.
The City of Birmingham, last

announced that Steaua had been declared the winners.

Voinescu was scathing about the associates of the Ceausescus. "They had their acolytes and operated through a system of fear and threats." At the club, he said. it was the head of the football section, one Ion Alexandrescu, now a vice-president of the Football Federation.

He said the present Sports Minister, Mircea Angelescu, was one of those waiting for the "little king" at the top of the stairs when he arrived at the Sports Ministry. It was Alexandrescu who brought Ceausescu junior to the club and then to the Federation and began to operate under his protection.

Sportsmen sacrificed themselves

targets for the ferocious assaults graves of Ghencea

Colouel Constantia Tanase, the commanding officer of the club, said: "They launched 26 attacks in five days. The first to die in action was Major Radu Durbac, a former captain of the Romanian rusby mion team and assistant coach of our cinb, who fell in the first attack around three o'clock at night."

"The captain of the club's rusby side, Florica Muraria, was killed in town at a road block while

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A young track and field athlete, Petru Astafei - the brother of the junior world record holder in the high jump, Alina – was also killed at night. Several other Steams athletes, including another member of the ragby section, Constantin Christian, have been berning.

The club was under siege for nearly a week and it proved impossible to bury the dema. Colonel Tanase shouled to the attackers: "Stop this ponsense There is nothing here but ice But they kept coming. . . .

TOMORROW

The revolution's effect on football

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SNOWREPORTS: * * **

From John Ballantine La Costa, California

The very best spirit of golf was circuit, but he said that he would seen in Paul Azinger's one-stroke victory over Ian Baker-Finch in the close finish to the February. He has created an element of the control of the second of Tournament of Champions here

Azinger, aged 30, who distinguished himself with a singles victory over Severiano Balles-teros and by the gaining of two more team points in the Ryder Cup, in September, and the Australian, aged 29, were part-ners for the last three days, and later, the American said that they were "among the pleasantest I've spent in tour-

nament golf".

One felt that Azinger would very likely have made the same remark had he lost narrowly to his dogged rival, from Queens-land. Friendships are formed in professional, as well as in arna-teur, golf, and it was clear that and none of these was more these two upstanding young dramatic than the six they had

Clubs of gold above border

The professionals of Scotland £500,000 in prize-money for the first time next summer. The continuing expansion of the Scottish PGA calendar means that a minimum of £517,000 will be at stake over 155 days of competitive golf north of the border and the figure could yet reach £550,000.

The 1990 total is a far cry from the start of the previous decade when the Scottish professionals had only £113,000 to share among them and the prize treble. fund has increased considerably Carnoustie continues its attempt for important recognition

Wilson club professional

Thornhill plans defence

Jill Thornhill, the Curtis Cup captain, is up to her eyes in paperwork, plotting and planning for her players' every need as she prepares to defend the cup against the United States at Somerset Hills, New Jersey, on July 28 and 30 July 28 and 29. The last time the British and

Azinger claims distinction

professionals "really hit it off". Baker-Finch flew immediate-

ly to his native Australian circuit, but he said that he would

excellent impression already for sportsmanship and compet-

itiveness and a great future is being predicted for him. After a

bogey at the 4th, he showed tremendous resilience in the final round, with seven birdies

Baker-Finch, who led the Open in 1984 and won the

Scandinavian Open the follow-

ing year, earned a two-year United States exemption by

winning the Colonial title by

four shots in Texas last May.

and he has everything required to make a big mark in the US. His duel with Azinger pro-

in the next 10 holes.

lrish team played in America was four years 2go, at Prairie Dunes, Kansas, where they became the first side to beat the US at home. Since then, the Ryder Cup team has done the Walker Cup completed the Thornhill was a member of

that side at Prairie Dunes and she intends making a winning debut as captain. To that end, she has taken the advice of Geoff Marks, the Walker Cup championship from July 3 to 6. captain, and will be using the

from the edge of the 11th green, but Baker-Finch followed him in from 12 feet. The American birdied the long 12th after hitting the green with a fine four-wood second stroke, but the Australian equalled that birdie with a pitch to eight feet. He ran in two more birdie putts of eight feet and 12 feet on the 13th and 15th greens to square

Azinger did not take three putts during the entire tour-nament, and he could well go on to be the man of the year.

the match, only to lose by driving under the lip of a bunker

at the 18th. "I rushed the drive,"

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US universessed: 272-P Azinger, 66, 68, 69, 69, 273
I Baker-Pinch (Aus), 66, 67, 72, 68, 276-N
O'Meara, 66, 73, 65, 99, 278-W Grady (Aus), 69, 68, 72, 99, 278-G Norman (Aus) 66, 72, 71, 70; S Hoch, 69, 68, 71, 71, 281
M Calcavecchia, 70, 68, 58, 75; C Strange, 71, 73, 70, 67; M Hulbert, 72, 68, 73, 68,

den, France, Belgium and Hol-land have also been invited to take part. Each team will have eight members, whose times will be combined to achieve an overall result.

Such departures from normal help her side prepare. "Geoff said his players had benefitted a competition practices have drawn criticism in the past for

great deal from practising there," Thornbill said. leaving those who concentrate on individual medley and dis-"We suffered a little at the world amateur team champ-ionship in Sweden last year tance freestyle events out in the However, advocates of sprint meets argue that such races are more exciting for television viewers and therefore are more because we weren't familiar with fast, sloping greens where your snots into the green have to be carefully placed. We don't likely to attract sponsorship. Scotland held its first tele hinder us in America. At East Sussex, they've told us they'll have the greens at the same speed as Somerset Hills, which

vised head-to-head sprint meeting in December, but far from creating more exciting viewing it proved to be something of a benefit for the only foreign competitor, Ron Dekker, of The Netherlands. He won almost every race.

be five finalists, instead of two

TODAY'S FIXTURES TABLE TERRIS: England v Chine, Patel-

A greater FA Cup splash is Third round replays Dartington v Cambridge sprint aim

Barclays League Burnley v Scarborough.

In a move to upgrade the public profile of swimming in Britain, six of the country's leading clubs will compete in the 1990 Speedo Fast Water Meet in March. One B and Q Scottish League First division Albion R v Hamilton Swimming Association in Swim Fit Year is to reverse the view that the sport is unexciting.

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The icam will have two

practice sessions, the first

shortly after it is chosen, in

June, and the second on July 19,

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Games

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sponsors By Peter Davenport

For a man charged with breath-ing new life into the World Student Games organization, after a Christmas and New Year beset by financial worries and a

management crisis, it seemed entirely appropriate yesterday that Norman Adsetts should be

talking in an office opposite the

department of Sheffield's Hallamshire bospital.

After three weeks of intensive

treatment, prompted by the dis-missal of it's chief executive and

an immediate cash shortage, Adsetts was able yesterday to

though not yet out of the woods.

has been made deputy chairman of Universiade GB specifically

skills — he is regional chairman of the Confederation of British Industry, runs his own company and heads up a private/public sector partnership body aimed at improving the image of Sheffield — to the company which is to run the Games next year.

Yesterday he laid out the treatment he has prescribed with the intention of bringing the largest sports event ever staged in Britain to a successful conclusion, on time and within budget.

"I am not even going to consider the word failure, because the success of the Game means so much to the regeneration and for the future of this city. Their value is immeasurable," he said.

However, he admitted that a major failing of the company so far had been in raising awareness of the importance and stature of the Games beyond the city and regional boundaries, to the nation and abroad.

"We did not pay enough attention in the past about the scale of what we are undertaking here. But now we have the abrelial evidence in the shape of

here. But now we have the physical evidence in the shape of the new facilities well under way.

people can see that it is a bit

more than a dream. This thing is

actually happening."
Sheffield City Council is usaderwriting the £100 million-plus cost of building the new

sports facilities and the funds for running the Games, which are expected to attract 6,000 ath-

letes from 130 nations, is now estimated at £27 million and this

Kendall admits that City's search for talent is incomplete

his fourth week in charge at Manchester City yesterday and hinted that the biggest shake-up of playing personnel in the club's history was not

Since his appointment as the successor to Mel Machin. who was dismissed in November, Kendall has been involved in nine transfer deals, bringing four new players to Maine Road and allowing five

Kendall has bought Peter Reid from Queen's Park Rangers, Mark Ward from West Ham United, Alan Harper from Sheffield Wednesday and Wayne Clarke from Leicester City, while selling Ian Bishop and Trevor Morley to West Ham, Neil McNab to Tranmere Rovers, David Oldfield to Leicester City and Jerry Taggart to Barnsley.

But despite radically changing the make-up of a City side which faces Millwall in an FA Cup third-round replay, at Cold Blow Lane tonight, Ken-dall admitted that his search for new talent would continue.

"I am not yet completely held before Clarke arrived.

happy with my playing staff and I'm still on the look-out for men who, I feel, would improve the situation. I would players are more than capable

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Howard Kendali completed rather make decisions and do of moving into the comthings I think are right and fail petition's fourth round. than sit on the fence, not

upsetting people, and still fail," he said. are bubbling. They feel pos-itive about things at the moment," he said. Although Kendall signed Keith Branagan plays only his third game of the season in goal for Millwall, at home to Manchester City in tonight's third-round replay. The for-

Paul Stewart, who joined Tottenham Hotspur from City in a £1.9 million deal 18 months ago, is believed to be at the top of Kendall's wanted list, and he could well return to Maine Road if Paul Lake. the England under-2! international, who is conservatively valued at £1 million,

The chances of Adrian Heath, the Aston Villa for-

Kendall did contact Graham Taylor, the Villa manager, to enquire about Heath's availability, but the talks were

sacrificed Liverpool unlikely to fail this time

Swarser City's atender sopes of dispatching Liverpool, the FA Cup helders, from this season's competition may end tonight but from a purely financial stand the hinb's appearance at Antield tonight will provide more than

rought will provide more than adequate compensation.

If, as is expected, a crowd exceeding 30,040 assembles for the third round replay, City can expect to take their gross earnings from the tie to around £85,000, an enormous and timely boost for a club which receitly underlined in determination to build a future cone-

Ironically, City owe their very existence to tunight's hours, for had Liverpool not waived a debt for £150,000 in respect of unpaid have been liquidated at the insistence of the Inland Revenue who did not view the question of a £100,000 unpaid tax demand with quite the same benevalence

Leeds set to sign Chapman

Leeds United are poised to strengthen their bid for promo-tion from the second division by signing Lee Chapman, the Not-

Ross writes).
Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, has been seeking to buy a forward with a proven goalscoring record since the start of the season and has been start of the season and has been told by his board of directors that money will be made available to finance anay transfer.

"Chapman, aged 30, is out the first team at Forest after losing his place to Nigel Jemson.

Although Brian Clough, the Forest manager, is known to bold Chapman in high esteem the would be unlikely to reject.

he would be milkely to reject any official advance from Leeds bearing in mind the player's age. A NOTE TO SERVICE TO THE SERVICE TO SERVICE Wilkinson is likely to inquire about Chapman's availability within the next 48 hours and if he agrees to meet Forest's asking

price, which would be around £400,000, the deal could be completed before the weekend. Commence of the second Should Chapman opt to re-main with Forest, Leeds will try again for Niall Quinn, Arsenal's Republic of Ireland international foward, who is known to be unsettled at Highbury.

Brown Service Bull DACTS TO ENGLISH STOPPED Thieves broke into Cardiff City Football chab over the weekend and stole a number of mird division club's FA Cup the against Queen's Park Rangers on Saunday. The raiders broke from the club's Ninian Park Spound main office and ransacked the safe before undetected.

Secretary Services of the control of Four drivers penalty-free

Paris (Reuter) - Four drivers covered the tenth stage of the Paris-Dakar rally without incurring time penalties: Bjorn Waldegaard, of Sweden, and Philippe Wambergue, of France, both in Pengeots, Andrew Cowan, of Britain, in a Missibishi and Hans Babler, of Switzerland, in a Nissan.

RESELTE: Tenth steps (Agadez to latons, 483km); Carra equal 1. Billedegaard (Sare), Paugaot 405 1716; Pitembergus (Fr), Paugaot 205 176; A Coras (GB), Mitoschieht; H Babler (Switz), Papot 405 176, at 18sac, Overall 1, 24goot 405 176, Capiva, at 3min 05eec; 3, E Otto (R), Capiva, at 3min 05eec; 3, E

"Despite Saturday's goalless draw, they are confident they

mer Cambridge United goal-keeper is on the transfer list,

but with Horne, the first choice, having been advised to

take 10 days' rest, Branagan

could look forward to an extended tenure as the last line

John Docherty, the Millwall

manager, said yesterday: "Brian Horne was getting from match to match without

training, and in the end, the

Branagan's confidence will

be bolstered by the clean sheet he kept while deputising for

Home in Saturday's 0-0 draw,

at Maine Road. Indeed, with

City's previously porous de-

fence apparently galvanized since Kendall's arrival as

manager last month, and the installation of Harper at

sweeper, Millwall will need to

With Sheringham's ankle

injury dictating that he must watch from the stand again,

the new partnership of Cascarino and Goddard, a recent £800,000 signing from Derby County, must find a route round the rearguard before taking aim at Dibble in the City goal.

end of the first division, but

while City appear to be recuperating, Millwall have

won only once in their last 16

games. However, Docherty

believes that a healthy Cup

run could prove a catalyst to

league success. "We have the chance now to turn the cor-

ner," he said. "Some people

might suggest that a good run

in the FA Cup might harm our

chances of moving up the

table. But I think it will have

The winners will be at home

to either Cambridge United,

managed by Docherty for five

years, or Darlington. They

also replay tonight at

Feethams, home of the Cup's

only non-League survivors.

the GM Vauxhall Conference

side, will have no problems in

Barcelosa moved into third place, behind Valencia, by beating Athletic Bilbao 2-1 with a last-minute goal from Beguiristain, his second of the match.

Nanies continue to lead the Italian first division despite

failing to find their best form against Ascoli. A goal scored by Camevale from Maradona's cross kept Naples two points ahead of their nearest rivals, Inter Milan and AC Milan.

The latter are in the middle of particularly impressive sequence of results, having won six and drawn one of their last

seven league matches. Goals by Donadoni, Tassotti, and van Basten gave them a 3-0 win against Cesena at the weekend and suggested that even with Gullit injured, they are nearing their her core are in A soul by

their best once again. A goal by Berti gave Inter both points

Brian Little, the man

the opposite effect."

be inventive in attack.

of defence at the Den.

reactions started to go."

Clarke at the weekend, in a £650,000 deal which saw Oldfield move to Filbert Street, he is known to be keen to secure another forward of proven ability.

was to be included in any transfer package.

ward, who, like Clarke, played under Kendall at Everton, joining City receded dramatisterday, after weekend reports that a £360,000 deal

held before Clarke arrived.

Although the Liverpool public will undoubtedly reserve a warm welcome for a club which, not so long ago, was regarded as acrious rivals for the Football serious rivals for the Foothall League championship it is highly untikely that any hospitality will spill over onto the field of play after 7.30pm.

Though happy with Saturday's performance in the goalless draw at The Vetch Field, Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, yesterday insisted that a replay should not have been necessary. "If you

insisted that a replay should not have been necessary. "If you take the sentiment away from Saturday's game we should have won easily," he said.

"It has been reported, quite accurately, that their goalkeeper made four or five saves which kept them in the game. My players did a good job at the weekend and we ware not disassociated." he said.

wan so fresh injury prob-lems, Dalglish is expected to mame an unchanged side as will len Evans, the City manager, if he resists the temptation to include, from the start, veterans Hutchison and James.

motivating his players. "I am delighted our players have such a big incentive," he said. Real performance boost for Toshack

Overseas football by Keith Blackmore

Real Madrid reached the balf-way point of the Spanish season with a five-point lead at the top of the first division after successfully negotiating the Maof the first division after successfully negotiating the Ma-drid derby at the weekend.

Two goals by Martin Vázquez, one from a free kick, in the opening seven minutes set Real on their way to a 3-1 victory against Atlético Madrid in the Bernebéu stadium.

Busingorri pulled one back with another free kick but Bernd Schuster, the West German, put Schuster, the West German, pur the match beyond Atlético with a splendid effort 15 minutes from the end. With a flourish which suggested comparisons with Ricky Villa's famous goal in the FA Cup final replay of 1982, Schuster picked up the ball on the left and dribbled segment the penalty area past across the penalty area past several defenders before scoring.

The result and Real's overall position were sufficient to prompt Ramon Mendoza, the club president, to give John Toshack, the coach, the dreaded vote of confidence. "We have

OVERSEAS RESULTS

GREEK: Pasionos 0, Olympiakos 0;
Apolion 0, Panthinaltos 1; Lavadia 0, AEK
Alberts 1; PAOK 3, Voice 0; Kalamaris 0,
Xerstil 0; Off Crete 2, Herstilds 3; Doca 1,
Aris 1; Serred 3, Larstess 0; Estration 0,
Ionikos 2. Lending positions (ather 15
matches): 1, AEK Athens, 23pts; 2,
Panestinsalios, 23; 3, Olympiakos, 23.
ITALIANI: Bologna 1, Juventus 1;
Cremonaso 0, Internezionate 1; Florentina
2, Bard 2, 1 porte 2, Ganoa 1; Milan 3. Cremonesse 9, intermezionate 1; Ficrentina 2, Barl 2; Lecce 2, Genoa 1; Milan 3, Cesera 0; Napleo 1, Asceli 0; Roma 8, Udinase 1; Sampdoria 2, Lezlo 0; Verona 1, Atsianta 1. Leading positions (after 19 matches): 1, Naples, 27pts; 2, intermezionate, 25; 3, Sampdoria, 24. PORTUGENE: Salubai 0, Porto 1;

Guineraes 2, Paratiel 0; Belevenses 1, Portimonense 0; Tirsense 0, Braga 0; Bosvista 1, Meritimo 1; Chaves 0, Petrense 0; Amadora 0, Sporting 0, Lesting positions gather 15 matched; 1, FC Porto, 25pe; 2, Vitoris Guimaraes, 25; 3, Bentica, 24, SPANISSI: Real Medind 3, Attitudo Medid 1; Vitiencia 2, Catta Vigo 0; Attietto Elibaro 1, Barsaions 2; Sporting Gilón 5, Logrothe 1; Caldis 1, Tenerite 0; Melinga 0, Resi Sociedad 2; Seville 4, Fayo Vallacano 0; Zaragoza 1, Real Mellorca 0; Vetladolid 0, Castalión 0; Cassaion 4, Covedo O. Leading positione (effer 18 matches); 1, Real Medind, 25pils; 2, Valencia, 24; 3, Atlético Medrid, 23.

Conway has to pull out

Joanne Conway, four times winner of the British figure poor free skating programme. Injury kept her out of the world draw from the European championships in Leningrad at the end of this month (John Hennessy writes). She is recovering from an operation to release a trapped nerve in her iest foot.

Conway, who was replaced as British title holder by Emma Murdoch at Basingstoke in November, was to have accompanied the new champion to Leningrad, but her place has been given to Andrea Law, of Deeside, Law has been preferred

weeks later and she has not competed seriously since, apart from in the British

champiouships.

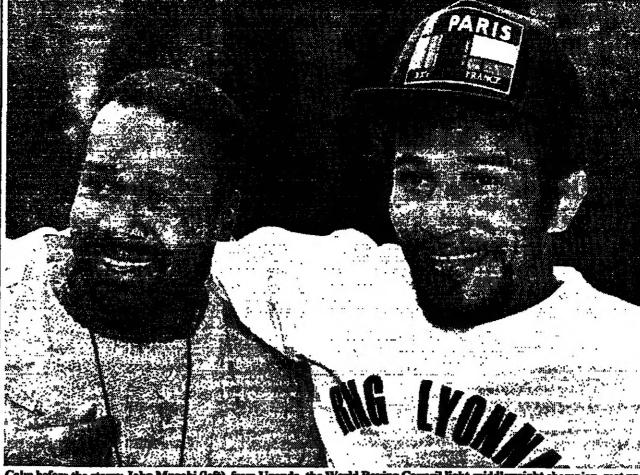
Her foot was put in plaster
after an original diagnosis that
she had a dropped toe joint, but a subsequent examination revealed the need for surgery. The 10 stitches are to be removed on Thursday.
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COCA-COLA GUP- Mine: First round: Bury 84 (Crosby 28, Bone 28, Ymlen 14), Birninghilm 176 (Wilcan 28, Coole 18, Ruddingle 16); Durby 85 (Lee 38, Scott 28, Leacelies 12), Cheshre 86 (Lewry 28, Boneldton 10, Jones 10); Corby 57 (Wilgus 29, Scient Sisra 157 (Sewell 57), Lewis 23, Scott 18); Hannal Hampsteef 118 (Pipter 29, Doneldton 10, Jones 19), North London 47 (Overton 22); Geleshedt 69, Sunderland 120; Orthan 120 (Treavent 42, Lewis 30, Branch 17), Kirlade 71; Secritaries 24; Hatner 19, Geologian 15); London Docklands 73 (Rechaw 24, Cole 13, Orthan 11), Kirgston 98 (Critimes 21, Cade 18, Clark 15); Birleton 108 (Lista 22, Regers 21, Balley 17), Swindon 51 (McDarmott 14, Treasure 10); Worthing 130 (Harried 35, Hubberd 27, Wagnom 29), Graemwich 98 (Homas 14, Krystel 14); Crystel Palace 85 (Spariss 23, Hossands 119, Pymoth 98 (Stromach 14, Hesphay 10); Stewanson 12; Succipant 165, Cadedrate 95, McCon 12; Watcher 68 (Devise 17, Baulconts 17, Boster 12; Succipant 165, Cadedrate 95, McCole 130, Parked 17), Docestay 95 (Abrahama 30, Bernett 16). ation will hold a screening of all three skaters after Leningrad to Deeside. Law has been preterred to Gina Fulton, who was third at Basingstoke.

Conway, aged 18, was sixth in the European championships in the European championships in

Smiles mask what lies ahead for boxing rivals | Televised

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Calm before the storm: John Mugabi (left), from Uganda, the World Boxing Council light-middleweight champion, met up yesterday with Carlos Antunes, the Brazilian he will box in a non-title bout at the Albert Hall tomorrow

OLYMPIC GAMES

under scrutiny

By David Miller

Today's innovative meeting in Paris between representatives of the South African National Olympic Committee (SANOC) and advisers to the International Olympic Committee Apartheid Commission will have no immediate effect in easing South Africa's 20-year exclusion from the Olympic movement. The worthy purpose of the meeting is to attempt to discover common ground and mutual objectives instead of trading in stereotyped antagonisms. roday's innovative meeting in

antagonisms.

This in itself is a milestone in anti-apartheid relations between black and white. "We have to listen to what they [the South Africans] have to say," Sam Ramsamy, the spokesman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SANROC), said yesterday. "We shall go with an open mind, though nothing has changed in the IOC's attitude that South Africa remains suspended while

Attending the meeting with Ramsany is Fekron Kidane, the joint adviser to the Apartheid Commission. Kidane has just returned from discussions with the United Nations in America. His brief with Ramsany is to debate the attempts by SANROC to make their sport non-racial in the face of government laws, to find out what are SANOC's requests in the immediate future, and to report back to the next meeting of the Apartheid Commission in Knwait on February 19.

There will be no statement or There will be no statement or press conference following to-day's meeting. This is in keeping with previous informal meetings with SANOC held by Keha M'Baye, of Senegal, a judge at the international Court at The Hagne, and by Jean Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president.

Samaranch, the IOC president.

Kidans said that everything was being done to encourage the establishment of the non-tacial sporting movement within South Africa following a congress in Harure last November. "Now we will have to see what can be done outside," Kidane said yesterday. "We wish that sport can be one of the elements that can destroy apartheid, but clearly the South Africans have to abolish their Area Act before non-racial sport can flourish at home."

ATHLETICS

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Apartheid Rams find overtime success

By Robert Kirley

that Anderson could not pos-sibly have caught the ball, and

The Deaver Brozens and the Los Angeles Rams won testing National Football League play-off games on Sunday to advance to the conference championship years. Three years ago, John Elway moved the Broncos 98 Los Angeles moved into the National Football Conference (NFC) title game when Jim Everett hit Flipper Anderson siway moved the Eurones 9s yards in the last two minutes for the tying touchdown, leading to an overtime victory. Two years ago, Earnest Byner, of the Browns, fumbled on the goal-line as Cleveland were trying to level the score in the final with a 30-yard scoring pass after

Los Angeles and the San Francisco 49ers will meet for the rhances a sees win meet to the third time this season. The Rams won away 13-12 and lost at home 30-27 after botching a lead late in the game last month. San Francisco, the defending Super Bowl champions, won their second successive borth in the NEC championship game by On Sanday, Los Angeles won the coin tose to start the eleventh overtime in play-off history and moved 77 yards for a controversial win. Everett connected with Pete Flolohan connected with Pete Holohan for 12 yards, threw incomplete to Henry Ellard and then hit Ellard for 13 yards to the Los Angeles 48. On the following play, Sheldon White, a New York cornerback, was cited for interference against Anderson at the New York 25. White said that Anderson could not pos-

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then second successive berth in the NFC championship game by blasting the Minneseta Vikings 41-13 on Saturday.

Mel Bratton, of Denver, scored two touchdowns, includ-ing the game-winner with 2½ minutes to play, to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 24-23 and set up an American Football set up an American Football

ation in the dying days of 1989, has rediscovered his identity as a player in the first tournament of the 1990s, even though he

failed, quite abysmally, to reach the last eight of the Mercantile Credit Classic in Blackpool yesterday. Virgo was beaten 5-1 by Warren King, the world No. 55, from Australia.

The departure of Virgo, ranked No. 13, leaves the top half of the draw denuded of seeds and so far peopled by wild

colonial boys King, Silvino Francisco, the South African, and Dene O'Kane, of New

Virgo, aged 43, had little luck and no lustre. In the opening frame he jumped the black when placed to clear, in the second he missed an easy green for King to make 67; and in the sixth he attempted to double the final blue but left it over a middle

blue but left it over a middle pocket, allowing the Australian to recover from 50-27 down.

games next weekend.

victory over the New York

Conference (ARC) final with the Cleveland Browns. The Broncos and the Browns will face each other for the AFC championship for the third time in four beauty and the ball," White said. "The ball was "We were both going for the ball," White said. "The ball was

at least five feet away from both of us. Superman couldn't have caught the ball."

Anderson disagreed: "I was hit, the ball was catchable and I touched it," Anderson had made a 20-yard touchdown reception in the waning second of the first half for a 7-6 lead.

Los Angeles are one win from reaching their first Super Bowl since they were defeated by Pittsburgh after the 1980 season. Denver had difficulty putting away the Steelers on Sunday, finding themselves trailing with seven minutes to play before Elway moved his club 71 yards to set up the final score.

RESULTS: Conference semi-finals: NFC: LA Rens 19, NY Glants 13 (OT); AFC: Denver 24, Pittsburgh 23. PRTURES: Conference Scale: Senday: AFC: Claveland at Denver, NFC: LA Rama at San Francisco, Super Bowl XXXV: Jamany 28: At Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans.

British pair to Virgo arrives with only join Paris one hat — and a gag nursery club

John Virgo, the deposed chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association in the dvine days of 1920 "I came here in a very determined mood. I don't owe of this season racing in France for the famous Athletique Club Boulogne-Billancourt (Peter Bryan writes). The club, based anybody any favours any more. I came here as a snooker player. in Paris, is a "nursery" for potential professionals. It's just a pity I didn't play like

one.
"I'm not bitter, I gave two years of my life to the game I believe in, and I'm very pleased to be out of the politics. I was losing my identity; I didn't know if I was coming to tournaments as a player or as chairman of the association. I'll just do my talking on the smooker table, but it's a shame I had a gag on today." Cook, who lives in Darlington, returned home yesterday from an England weekend train-ing camp at which seven Commonwealth Games riders met the road manager, Bernard Burns. On Thursday Cook flies to Auckland for the Games.

The introduction to the French club came from Robert Millar, who had been a member during his first season in France eight years ago. Cook has a contract to the end of the season but said: "I'm told if you don't make the grade pretty quickly you get sent home."

Stephens, expects to join Cook when the latter returns from New Zealand for a fortnight's training close to the Pyrences early in February.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: 18. Waterleat 18, Hus 45, Garrow 18. Sallord 14, RUGBY LEAGUE

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Adsetts: business skills

Senior officials of the company have said they expect so £15 million of that to come from ticket sales, merchan donations from participating countries and television rights A further £3 million is coming from the Sports Council but the rest must be raised by sponsor-ship and, despite initial expectations of major deals being secured before the end of last year, it remains a painful fact that no substantial international

sponsor has yet been found. Yesterday Adsetts outlined a series of changes to the company series of changes to the company management structure and fresh initiatives aimed at raising extra funds in the 18-mouth run up to the event in the summer of 1991. He said that the most important aspect remained the securing of an agreement to televise the Games, which would then one the way to increase.

then open the way to incrative sponsorship deals with major international concerns.

Adsetts said the company had received a letter of intent from

received a letter of intent from Eurosport, the sister channel of Sky Television, that it wanted to show two hours of the Games each night to its 45 million viewers. However, financial arrangements have still to be negotiated in detail and it would next likely invested. negotiated in detail and it would most likely involve Universiade acting as host broadcaster and supplying pictures for onward use. Talks are also still going on with BBC and independent tele-vision although so far, despite expressing interest, neither have found slots in the summer sports scheduling for the Gomes.

scheduling for the Games.

David Foggia, marketing director of Universiade, has been assigned the sole task of securing the television deal, an indication of the overriding importance it has to the future financial well being of the event. Adsetts also said yesterday former operations manager of the company as general manager would play a significant part in its success. Alan Tolhurst is a former commander of RAF Finningley, Yorkshire, who has wide senior command experi-ence, including stints at NATO and the Ministry of Defeace.

Universiade's im problems, which emerged shortly before Christmas as it drained a £1 million bank overdraft, were resolved with £250,000 from Sheffield City Council. Yesterday Addsetts said that further funds had since come in from other sources which would take the company over the next few months, hopefully until the bulk of the Sports Council grant is due to

arrive in Spring.

Local firms have already contributed £500,000 in sponsorship through member-ship of the 91 Clab, with 100 businesses each donating £5,000 in return for their named being linked with the event. Adsetts intends to raise a similar amount over the next three months.
Universide is also initiating

cost-cutting measures in-ternally, including a freeze on additional recruitment to its 55-

FOR THE RECORD HOCKEY CRICKET

NATIONAL SUDOR LEAGUE: Wolver-hempton 48, Rochdele 48; Manchester 110, Itali 27; Derby 23, Walsall 13, Peterborough 50, Dertlord 68; Lenning 50, beside 95; Totanham 125, Sheffield 78; Wellingborough 50, Uniform of Chinary 30, passes 35; Tomanham 125, Shelliadt 76; Wellingborough 99, Leeds 44. Berningtrowne Red Shape Cape Kingsstote, Jamusica 205 and 201 (J Adams 178), R Haynes 55, I Bahop ats for 61), Trinided and ToCago 207. Bridgetower Barbedon 185 and 155 for four (G Greenidge 78), Leesend Islands 335 (C Arribrose 49, W Benjamin 47, E Beptista 48, E Monatow Pin for 88), Ribosobower Windowth

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King, who was talked out of retiring from the game at 34 last summer by his wife, Leanne, has reached only one ranking tournament quarter-final before, at the Mercantile of 1985.

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Majeeva (Bul); 16, C Linclaying (Swo); 17, B
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Striver (US); 20, L Gibiameister (Peru).

Tracy Edwards, the skipper of Maiden, Britain's all-women Whitbread Round the World Race entry which leads its class at the halfway stage in this global event, has been voted the 1989 Yachtsman of

The annual award, given by the Yachting Journalists Association with the support of the Brent Walker Group, was presented yesterday in Auckland by Peter Blake, the skipper of Steinlager 2, the leading Whitbread maxi, who won the title of New Zealand's sports personality of the year last month for his efforts in the

ho competed as cook aboar Atlantic Privateer, the South African entry in the the previous Whitbread race four years ago, campaigned tirelessly for two years, sold her



Edwards: just deserts

overcame considerable chanvinistic scepticism to win more than £? million in sponsorship for this first allwomen entry.

She and her 11-strong crew then proceeded to put one over on the four male teams in her class to win the longest and toughest stage of the race across the ice-strewn seas of the Southern Ocean, from Uruguay to Fremantle, in

Then, rubbing salt in the wound, the Maiden team repeated the feat on the third stage of the race to Auckland this week, increasing its lead over L'Esprit de Liberté, the Patrick Tabarly yacht from

Edwards beat the Countess of Arran, aged 71, who set a world electric water speed record of 50mph on Wintitle, along with David Cowper, who became the first man to cross the icy Northwest

Rucanor Sport, the Belgian Whithread entry skippered by Bruno Dubois, arrived in Auckland yesterday to retain third place overall among the division 3 fleet headed by Maiden.

La Poste, the 23rd and lastplaced yacht in the race, is due to arrive in Anciland (odsy. LATEST FROSHER: Division 2: 4, Rucanor Sport, (B Dubois, Bei), 15days 23tr 37min, Overall after three large: 3rd, 87:02:49;

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THERE'S MORE ROOM-

Edwards | FA punishes managers | Downward path to success and warns against future transgressions

By Ian Ross and Dennis Signy

game between the two clubs at

the night in a local police

Bird was find £1,000 and

banned from the touchline for

three months while McHale

received a similar ban and a

fine of £800. McHale's ban

was backdated to November

after the commission was

informed that his own board

to watch all future games from

"It was my first match as a

manager and I thought they would have taken that into

consideration and been a little

more lenient," McHale said.

Mancini, whose formal
application to succeed Ray

Harford as manager of Luton

Thursday, was found guilty of

Harford, who left Luton last

eek, was one of the witnesses

the dugout by Kelvin Morton.

the referee, during Luton's 4-1

nia's new government plans to

sell two of its best players to

foreign clubs to raise money

for sports facilities. The

Sports Minister, Mircea

Angelescu, said in a television

interview here yesterday that

the midfield player, Gheorghe Hagi, and the forward, Maries

"improper behaviour".

with any criminal offence.

On a day when five more the end of a fourth division Football League managers game between the two clubs at were found guilty of disrepute Scarborough on November charges, the Football Associ- 24. They were involved in a ation warned yesterday that it skirmish in the player's tunnel would take increasingly tough which resulted in Bird being action to improve the game's arrested by police. He spent,

A total of 13 managers and oaches have now been called before the FA this season and Eric Dinnie, secretary of the FA's disciplinary commission, said yesterday: "I can't remember a season like it. If

the problem continues then we can only make the sentences tougher still, but I hope that will not be necessary." The managers in the dock of directors had ordered him

yesterday were Colin Harvey, to watch all future games from of Everton, John Bird, of York the stands in the wake of the City, and Roy McHale, of Scarborough, who all ap-peared before a discplinary commission in Manchester, and Harry Redknapp, of Bournemouth, and Terry Mancini, of Luton Town, who answered charges at a hearing in London. All five men were charged with bringing the Town will be considered on eame into disrepute under Section 26 of the Football Association's rules.

Harvey was fined £1,500 for in favour of his former assiscomments he made to George tant, who was dismissed from Tyson, the referee, at the end of his team's defeat in the Littlewoods Cup fourth round defeat at Crystal Palace in the tie against Nottingham Forest at the City Ground on November 22. Zenith Data Systems Cup on

Harvey said that he had been given a fair hearing and that he would endeavour to ensure he never again breached the FA's strict disciplinary code. "It is something which is now over and done with; it is in the past. It is the first time that I have ever been in trouble of this nature," he

dismissed two Luton players Danny Wilson and David

one week's pay and suspended himself for two matches from the bench "as an example". He was accused of bringing the game into disrepute and dealt to improper behaviour.

not to impose a fine in view of Mancini's previous exemplary disciplinary record but he was warned about his future conduct and ordered to pay costs. Mancini described the verdict as vindication of his decision to ask for a personal hearing. Harry Redknapp, the

Bournemouth manager, was fined £250 after pleading guilty and apologising for bringing the game into disrepute by making an "out of order" remark to the referee at half-time during his side's victory at Swindon Town on

Redknapp was also severely censored and warned about his future conduct. "I will not speak to referees again," Redknapp said. "You cannot make them change their minds—it is not worth it." Six years ago Redknapp was fined £50 for a remark he made to a

Romanians plan a sale

The pair, who play for the

army team, Steam Bucharest, the Romanian champions, are highly rated members of the national side which is in the same World Cup group as Argentina, the Soviet Union and Cameroon, in June. After the revolution, page 36



Lord's development hits a snag Home unions consider be completed by the end of modation is available at the tures is feasible. More likely.

Building work on the new Compton and Edrich stands at the Nursery End at Lord's has fallen behind schedule and will not be completed in time for the new season in mid-April. MCC have suspended ticket sales for the new stands for both the Test match against New Zealand, starting on June 21, and that against India on July 26. Unexpected problems met

by the contractors have caused delays to the £4.5 million redevelopment scheme and means a continuation of the jinx which has dogged MCC in several matters in recent years. The work began as soon as last season finished with the demolition of the former G and H stands, facing the pavilion and popularly known

The extent of the delay will Col John Stephenson, the son said. "It may be that one tumn. Already MCC have got MCC secretary, said: "We stand will be finished and we to face the fact that revenue options open to us during not know at the moment, stands; and that the grass further meetings when we "Overall, it is dreadfully unlifted from the ground at the felt best to stop selling further tickets for the new stands."

The Compton and Edrich stands will increase the seating at the Nursery End by 4,000, raising it to 9,128 and already some 3,000 Test ticket applications have been received for them since the forms went out only last week. MCC will offer alternative seating to these applicants but no further requests will be met

have not got a completion shall have to put up a second, will be lost from advertisedate. We will discuss the temporary stand - we just do ment boards on the new how much work can continued once the summer's fixtures start, bearing in mind it would all be happening behind the bowler's arm."

The Lord's season opens on April 17 with a four-day game between MCC and Worcestershire, the champion county. Middlesex start their home fixtures on April 24. It is doubtful whether a

Nursery End will be sold on when the extent of the contractors' problems are known. not be known for certain until further investigations during mean we lose all 9,000 seats the next week to 10 days. Lt this summer," Col Stephen-finally completed next auand working area for the contractors - might not be relaid by April 1. This is the latest date it would need to be nut down in order to give it time to settle again before the season's start.

The lifted grass is laid out in the members' car park, normally another source of revenue. MCC will also be involved in additional mailing wholesale reallocation of the to their 20,000 members

the Kent captain, is a close

Coincidentally, Gower will

be in Kent today, performing

an official function at his old

school, King's in Canterbury,

Lions v Romania game By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The four home rugby unions, whose unions would need to which are considering the

most effective means of helping Romanian rugby through a traumatic period in the wake of the revolution in that country, were notified yesterday of a scheme to bring together the 1989 British Isles touring team in a fund-raising Union, pointed out the logis-

The idea comes from Hove Rugby Club, whose chairman, Richard Jenkins, has sent invitations to all the playing members of last year's touring party to take part in a match against a Romanian Select XV at Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club on April 29.

It is Jenkins's hope that with sponsorship and a healthy crowd, a sufficient sum can be raised to be worthwhile both for the Romanian Rugby Federation and his own club, which has plans for new facilities. However, the match may depend upon the response of the players and the approval of Scotland, Ireland and Wales,

give permission to players wanting to take part. Finlay Calder, captain of the 1989 Lions, said yesterday

that the players were likely to respond favourably in such a cause. Dudley Wood, secretary of the Rugby Football but added: "I don't say everything has to be restricted to what we do. It's a free country and good luck to Hove." The RFU has already sent

messages of support to Romania and is awaiting the return of the messengers before considering, in conjunction with the other home unions, how best to help. It has also received a variety of suggestions from member clubs about giving aid, including several who wish to organize collections at matches on behalf of the Romanians, among them Bath, who played Steaua Bucharest last October.

More rugby union, page 34

Crooks signs in time to beat Cup deadline

By Keith Macklin the player, but could not agre

For the second time in three seasons, Lee Crooks has commanded a transfer fee of £150.000. Yesterday Castleford beat the Challenge Cup deadline to sign him from Leeds, beating off the chall-enge of Featherstone Rovers, who had offered £170,000 for

on personal terms.

Crooks was transferred from Hull to Leeds in the 1987-88 season for £150,000. This is £5,000 less than the record, paid by Leeds to Hull, for the Great Britain centre, Garry Schofield. Crooks has had a somehat

wayward career since he joined Leeds. He has several times been dropped from the first-team squad and in October was put on the transfer list at £250,000. Recently he asked to come off the list and had won back his first-team place. Castleford travel to St Helens on Sunday for a preliminary round game in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

Other transfers which beat the Cup deadline involved Russ Walker, the Barrow captain, to Hull; Jeff Clare, the Wigan utility player to Salford; Mark Lee, the St Helens hooker and Darren Bloor, a Swinton half back also to Salford; Keith Holden, scrum half, from Warrington to Swinton; Marquis Charles, a centre, from Dewsbury to Hull

and Steve Dobson from York

to Sheffield Fagles. Three Great Britain internationals are struggling to be fit for Wigan's Regal Trophy

final against Halifax at Headingley on Saturday. Joe Lydon, Andy Gregory and Shaun Edwards will be given fitness tests on Thursday.

Vince Gribbin, the Whitehaven threequarter, has appealed against an eight-match. suspension imposed last week.

END COLUMN Blair is

back on fitness mission

pawky Glasgow hamour in Jim Blair's account of what used to be the typical rughy training session (and still is at some clubs).

"For the first 10 m the coach watched his players do 12 laps of the pitch and then, just for a bit of variety. got them to go in the opposite direction." There are doubtless endless variatio theme to illustrate his point of non-relevance and al Jim Blair, the Scot, who migrated to New Zealand in

1962, having graduated from Jordanhill College of Physics Education and who has schieved worldwide fa Blacks before their World Co victory, has returned to hi Scottish Rugby Union to Blair, aged 55, who is fits director at the privately run

Auckland Institute of Sport and Corporate Health, belives 1 programme is that it "must meaningful and relevant" a must not eat into the time of the coach, whom he sees as having an entirely different role. He regards fitness as as individual responsibility and the programme should be tailored to the individ

an 18-stone prop doing long road runs. That will only lead to more physiotherapists being able to buy more BMWs. You have to discuss with a player what he like doing and design a schedule accordingly." Training should be

there to enjoy

He is strongly against over ang group sessions. "One and ahalf bours is meximum," he said. "If a player is to develop increased expertise, it requires tion. Furthermore, training should not dominate a player's life but be part of it, to give family life.

"If an 18-year-old comes irrelevant, then suddenly nights out in the pub with his girlfriend seem a lot more attractive.

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Specifically, Blair is enthusiastic about devising interesting schedules, whether it be for individuals or groups. "If players can react quickly in training, then they will be able to cope with game situations." On the subject of games, Blair believes that too much rugby is played. "A whole load of games is a recipe for mediocrity," he said. "I think 32 should be a maximum."

It was in 1983 that Blair first became involved in All Blacks regby. "My background was soccer. I played three games of rugby, started badly and got progressively worse," he said. Alex Wyllie, who was then coaching Canterbury, and John Hart, of Auckland, approached him to help out with fitness for their teams. "I was putting over ideas which were unorthodox

Lateral thinking is. to be encouraged

at the time."

'It was a courageous more by them to introduce some thing completely different. Since then my ideas have filtered both down and up." Blair is in Scotland until

January 22, by which time he will have taken practical sessions in all the districts at under-21 level and will have seen the Scotland squad at Gleneagies. He sees his role not as passing on a specific formula but of inculcating a more realistic approach Scotland to fitness training. "I am not here to tell anyol

what to do. Accept, adapt adjust or discard what you set fit for your needs," he said Blair believes that entreached attitudes need to be changed and that the capacity lateral thinking needs to be tapped. He applands the move by the Scottish Rugby Union to appoint David MacLean 25 fitness adviser to the Scotland squad and is looking forward to seeing him in action at Cleneagles.

Blair, aged 55, who lists Archie McPherson among his fellow students at Jordanhill, is keen to dispel the myth that facilities are all-important. "I designed a programme for a team which had only a super-market car park to train 09. His visits to the more remote areas of Scotland may well modify that thinking, but for the moment Blair is evangelically enthusiastic about his

friend of Gower's, who recountry last night after a short ceived formal approaches from both Hampshire and signed the leadership at Leicester shortly after being holiday and is expected to Kent. controversially omitted from England's winter tour party.

Gower, despite confirmation yesterday of a second official approach, from Kent. Gower returned to this

decide his future in county cricket within a week. Leicestershire remain hopeful of retaining him, but they know the strength of the opposition. Mike Turner, the Leicestershire chief executive, said yesterday: "I spoke to David

just before he went away and although nothing was decided, he promised me he would not

Becker to quit in two years, claims coach Munich (AFP) - Boris Becker the Wimbledon and US Open

tennis champion, will probably quit in two years' time, Niki Pilic, the West German Davis Cup captain, said yes-terday. Pilic told an inter-national meeting of tennis coaches that he had come to this surprise conclusion after several conversations with

Becker, aged 22.
"I think Boris will only play for another two years. He is already looking for a new challenge, mainly on an intellectual level," Pilic said. Becker is already a multimillionaire, set up as a tax exile in Monaco. He has reportedly insured himself for about £6 million against

kidnap. The Yugoslav coach, who has run the West German Davis Cup team for eight years, said he had built up close contacts with his leading player only since 1987, two years after Becker had won the first of his three Wimbledon titles. "Till then we had never spoken confidentially," Pilic

as the free seats. It was due to after today. Whatever accom- ground's April and May fix- explaining the problems, Hampshire hope for Gower

> By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent Hampshire remain favourites finally make up his mind until would be delighted to have to sign the unsettled David we had talked again. "I am still working in the Like Nicholas, of Hamphope and assumption that he shire. Christopher Cowdrey,

will be with us for another season, but I have now re-The move by Kent, where

Gower was born, was explained by Jim Woodhouse, the chairman of the club's cricket committee. He said: "I have spoken to David, with Leicestershire's permission. We understand he should be making his decision shortly, and if he decides to move, we

but he is unlikely to see his county chief Turner until early next week. More cricket, page 33

SPORT IN BRIEF



Two more entrants in the Globe Challenge singlehanded non-stop round the world yacht race have been forced to give up in the southern Indian Ocean, reducing the field to 10 competitors.

The South African, Bertie Reed, and his yacht, Grinaker, are out because of problems with the automatic pilot, boom and helm, and Jean-Yves Terlain, of France, an-nounced that the mast of his UAP 992 had broken into three pieces. Thirteen yachts began the race on November 26.

Harris second Mir Zamas Gul. of Pakistan.

has been seeded No. 1, ahead of Del Harris, of Britain, for the inaugural Snauwaert World Young Masters at East Grinstead from January 11 to 14. The Australian, Rodney Eyles, is the third seed and two other Australians, Michelle Martin and Sarah Fitzgerald, head the women's seeding list.





A further spur

Brian Barnes will have an extra incentive when he de-fends the Wilson club professionals championship at Carnoustie from July 3 to 6. A place in the top nine will bring automatic selection for the PGA team to meet the US professionals in September.

Revised date

The Hospitals Cup match between Guy's and St George's scheduled for today has been postponed until

by the former Raleigh manager, George Shaw. Percy Bilton, Walsham's team for four seasons, has been dis-

for a new team being launched

Ban appeal The Whitehaven forward, Garry Charlton, is to appeal against the indefinite ban imposed on him by the Rugby League last week. He was suspended after officials had seen a video recording of Charlton's challenge which left Castleford's Graham Steadman requiring surgery.

I brown out Droylsden have been expelled

from the FA Vase for fielding an ineligible player, Darren Lyons, in a third-round match with Rossendale United last month. Lyons was serving a 35-day suspension imposed by the Lancashire FA when he played in the drawn game.

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